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JACK HOLT, JR.
CHIEF JUSTICE

Fellow Arkansans:

I am pleased to offer this annual report for your benefit, and the use of the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Branches of your state government. The report reflects the status of the Arkansas judicial system for fiscal year 1984-85. More importantly, the information contained in this report should serve as a valuable aid in allocation of resources for your judicial system.

In recent years, significant strides have been made in the collection, maintenance, and analysis of court caseload statistics. This is due, to a large extent, to the cooperation of the many trial judges and court clerks, at all levels, throughout the state. To all of them I extend my sincere thanks.

The judicial system has moved forward, and the major developments mentioned in the following pages foretell more progress. I have no doubt that those who work in the Judicial Branch join with me in the commitment to provide the citizens of Arkansas a more efficient, yet fundamentally fair, system of justice.

Again, my appreciation to all who provided the information which is the basis of this report, with a special acknowledgement to the staff of the Judicial Department for the compilation and publication of this FY 1984-85 annual report.

Jack Holt, Jr.
Chief Justice

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 1984-85

STATE COURT FINANCE STUDY COMMISSION

Presently, the financing of Arkansas' court system may be characterized as a complicated array of state, county, and municipal funding sources. A brief overview of financing of the judicial system follows. A more detailed explanation of this subject matter is contained in a subsequent section of this report.

The Supreme Court, and Court of Appeals, their staff, and material support, are funded from State general revenues. The salaries of general jurisdiction judges (68 circuit, chancery, and probate judges) official court reporters (68), elected prosecuting attorneys (24), and some probation officers are State funded.

Otherwise, funding for municipal judges, most court support personnel (case coordinators, secretaries, bailiffs, etc.), and their material support, is provided by counties or municipalities, both from local general revenues and from filing fees and fines collected by those courts.

The uncertainty of this funding arrangement leads to twin questions: who is responsible for establishing salaries of court personnel and by whom are they paid. For example, salaries of some support personnel are mandated at the state level, thereby requiring the county or municipality to pay for services which are not a part of the county or municipal budgeting process.

The 1985 General Assembly, pursuant to Act 831, has created a Court Finance Study Commission to investigate this problem. The Commission will be composed of representatives of the Judiciary, the Legislature, and members of the general public appointed from each congressional district. The Arkansas Judicial Department will assist the committee membership by providing support services and making such studies as the committee may desire.

The Court Finance Study Commission has before it the opportunity to suggest answers to these questions of fiscal responsibility. In increasing numbers, other states are undertaking the financial responsibility for the operation of their court systems. The Commission can help ascertain whether Arkansas should follow suit, or whether some other alternative is the preferred course.

MUNICIPAL COURT JURISDICTION

House Joint Resolution 6 was adopted by the 1985 General Assembly for reference to the voters as a proposed Constitutional Amendment. The Resolution provides for an increase in municipal court jurisdiction, in most civil cases, from the present limit of $300, to a proposed limit of $3,000. The matter will appear on the 1986 General Election ballot.

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr., in testimony before the House State Agencies Committee, encouraged the referral of H.J.R. 6 to the citizens of Arkansas. The Chief Justice stated, "Municipal courts are the courts of first and last impression for most Arkansans. Adoption of H.J.R. 6 is a significant step toward insuring that those courts continue to provide a forum for minor civil litigation."

If accepted by the voters, H.J.R. 6 will improve access to their judicial system. Presently, many citizens of this State are, as a practical matter, denied a remedy for their minor civil claims. If such a claim exceeds the present jurisdictional limit of $300, the municipal court cannot hear the case. Consequently, the litigant must face the costs attendant to circuit court litigation and frequently decides to discontinue the claim. Predictably, those persons feel their judicial system has failed them.

It is anticipated that House Joint Resolution 6 will lead to a substantial transfer of caseload from the circuit court system to the municipal court system. This movement of cases should be of modest assistance to the administration of the circuit court system.

Correspondingly, the increase in caseload at the municipal court level will be a substantial new burden placed upon the municipal judges and clerks. The Municipal Judges Council, Inc.,

State Representative David Matthews of Lowell reports to the Municipal Judges on HJR 6 as Judge Sam Ed Gibson listens.

"Change is inevitable. It is not necessarily good or bad. But in order for change to be effective, it will require that people work together."

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr.
Circuit and County Clerks Meeting
July 23, 1985

and the Municipal Clerks Association have initiated planning processes to cope with the expected influx of cases. Chief Justice Holt and the Judicial Department have undertaken to assist in this important preparation process.

H.J.R. 6 holds great promise for fundamental improvement of the judicial system in the State of Arkansas. If the increased staffing and funding needs of the municipal court system are met, the citizens of Arkansas will benefit from this proposed Constitutional Amendment.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Recently, continuing judicial education has received great attention. Substantive law, court rules and procedures, and administrative burdens are constantly changing. The increasing pace of these changes mandate additional emphasis on continuing education within the Judicial Branch. Further, this area of continuing education will be broadened to include the educational needs not only of judges, but of other court support personnel such as clerks, case coordinators, court reporters, and others.

By way of example, the most recent meeting of the Arkansas General Assembly enacted sweeping changes in the procedural and filing requirements for child support litigation. Earlier, other Legislative Sessions have seen the enactment of substantial changes in filing fee requirements. The effective implementation of such changes requires a substantial educational effort.

Recognizing the basic need for a continuing education program within the Judicial Branch, the 1985 General Assembly enhanced the funding for those efforts.

The Supreme Court and the Judicial Department are working to establish programs to benefit the judiciary. As presently contemplated, those programs will emphasize efforts within the State to apprise all members of the Judicial Branch of developments pertinent to their particular area of responsibility. The anticipated goal, some years hence, is the creation of a comprehensive educational curriculum for all elements of the Judicial Branch.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The Judicial Branch has some unique responsibilities as concerns the records the various courts generate in the process of litigation. There is a large volume of paper associated with litigation, the records must be permanently maintained, and, all original records (even those permanently maintained) must be readily accessible. With the cooperation of the Legislature, an initial step to automate these "record-keeping" responsibilities has been taken. The General Assembly has appropriated sufficient new funds to allow the appellate courts to acquire a computer system for the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. In addition, funds were made available to begin the process of committing certain court records to microfilm.

At this writing, the Supreme Court is initiating the planning process to acquire the appropriate computer equipment for the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Ultimately, the computer capacity should be sufficient to incorporate the needs of the Supreme Court Library, and assist in the preparation and dissemination of opinions of the appellate courts.

STAFF ATTORNEYS

In the years since its creation in 1979, the Arkansas Court of Appeals has faced a continuously increasing caseload. Nonetheless, the Court has been able to avoid an increased backlog. However, it is evident that additional jurisdictional responsibilities, coupled with the anticipated continued increase in filings, require administrative remedies in order that the court can remain current. In conjunction with a report submitted to the Court by a special committee of the Arkansas Bar Association, various recommendations were made to the 1985 General Assembly. One innovative proposal was the employment of staff attorneys for the Court of Appeals, a proposal which was approved by the Legislature.

The use of staff attorneys represents a new mode of dealing with increased appellate caseloads. Their responsibilities differ markedly from a traditional law clerk. Particularly, staff attorneys can assist the entire court by classifying

File space is a rare commodity in the vault at the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Commiting certain records to microfilm will help alleviate this problem.

and calendaring of cases. Further, staff attorneys can aid in analysis of cases and arrange for the court to expeditiously deal with issues previously resolved, or enable the court to consider different cases on the same issue simultaneously. Additionally, staff attorneys may review case files and insure that pleadings are in order and procedural rules have been met. If not, then the staff attorney can insure compliance before the case is submitted to the court.

In other jurisdictions, the addition of staff attorneys has been shown to noticeably increase the productivity of appellate courts that utilize such personnel.

Members of the Arkansas Judicial Council at their Spring Conference.

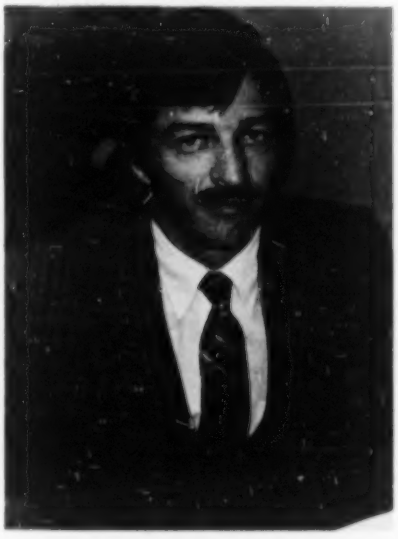
MAGISTRATE PROGRAMS

For many years the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure have authorized the appointment of special masters in individual cases. However, two programs established in the Judicial Department, for the first time, provide for the implementation of state-wide magistrate programs in two areas, both within the jurisdiction of the probate judges.

First, a magistrate's position has been created to hear most aspects of involuntary commitment proceedings. The magistrate is located on the grounds of the State hospital, where hearings subsequent to the initial probable cause hearing are conducted. When fully implemented in November of 1985, the program will enable the probate judges across the state to appoint the magistrate to adjudicate those hearings. Consequently, substantial savings in judicial resources will be expected to result. Of particular interest, the counties and the various sheriffs will realize significant cost savings by allowing the sheriff to transport the respondent to the State hospital only once, as opposed to the numerous trips previously required of the sheriff.

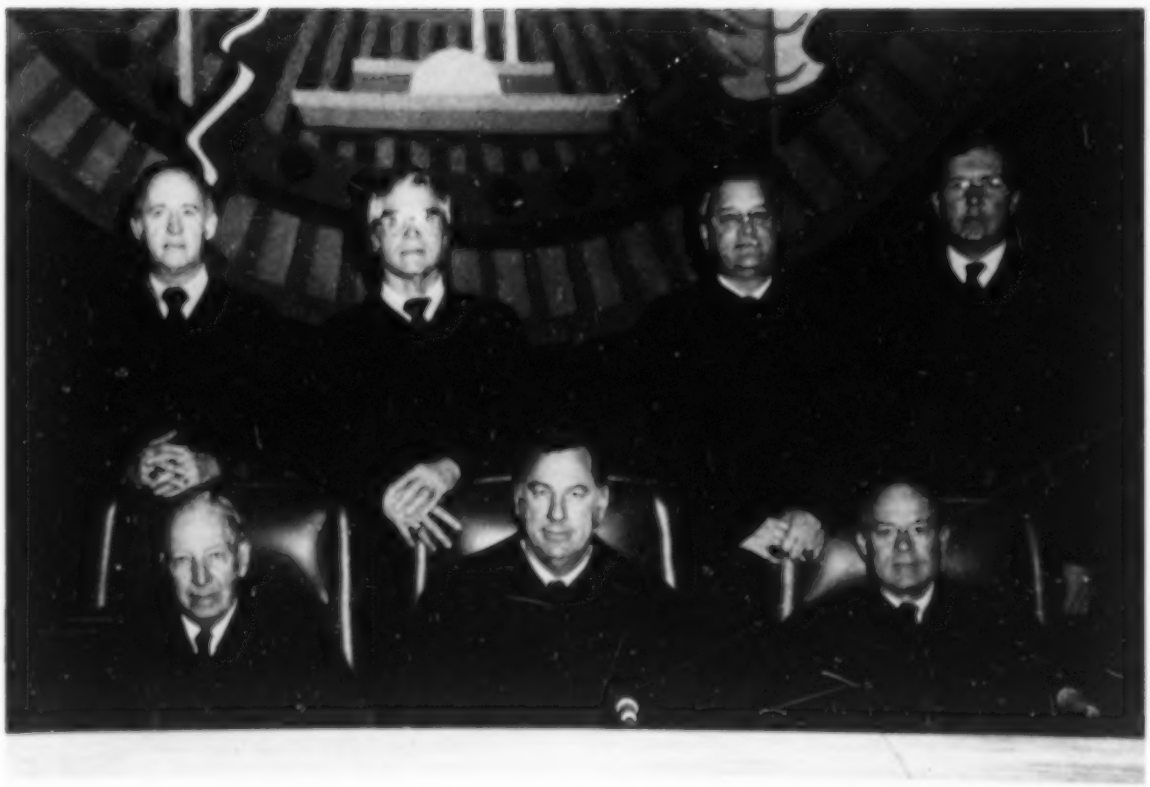
Second, a similar magistrate's position has been established to preside in those instances where the Social Services Division of the Department of Human Services files a petition for guardianship in probate courts. On such petitions, the respective probate judges may utilize the services of the magistrate to conduct regular reviews of active foster care cases. This magistrate's office is located in the Judicial Department in the Justice Building, but the magistrate will be traveling through the various circuits to conduct the necessary hearings.

Elizabeth Dowling (above) presides as the Magistrate of Mental Health. She handles involuntary commitment proceedings and is located on the grounds of the State Hospital. In her absence, Keith Caviness (below), also the Research Coordinator with the Judicial Department, conducts the hearings.



Angela Jegley has been appointed the Magistrate of Foster Care with the Judicial Department.

THE COURTS



Bottom Row (left to right): Justice George Rose Smith, Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr., and Justice Darrell Hickman. Top row (left to right): Justice Steele Hays, Justice John Purtle, Justice Robert Dudley, and Justice David Newbern.

STATE OF ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

The Arkansas Supreme Court is the State's highest appellate court, and provides administrative direction for the judicial system.

The constitution of 1874 sets forth the powers and jurisdiction of the Court and establishes in it "general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity..."

The Chief Justice and the six Associate Justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. The terms are alternated in order to maintain continuity. Vacancies on the court are filled by appointment of the Governor. Each justice is assisted by law clerks and a secretary.

According to the constitution, a judge of the Supreme Court "shall be at least 30 years of age, of good moral character, and learned in the law; a citizen of the United States and two years a resident of the State, and who has been a practicing lawyer eight years, or whose service upon the bench of any court of record, when added to the time he may have practiced law, shall be equal to eight years." The constitution also provides that the Court shall meet on the State Capitol grounds. Except during recess, the Supreme Court convenes on Mondays at 9 a.m.

In addition to examining results reached in lower courts and of redefining and developing the body of State law, the Supreme Court is also responsible for the general supervision of the entire Arkansas Judicial System. The Chief Justice serves as administrative head of the system, and he is charged with overseeing its efficient and effective operation.

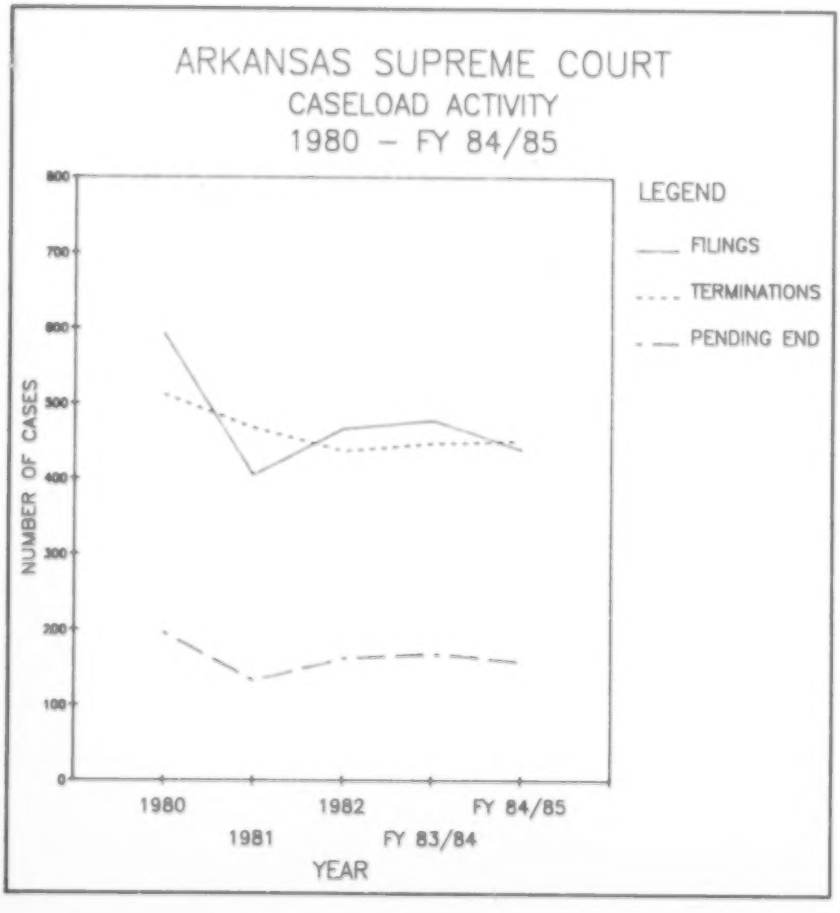
The fiscal year ending June, 1985 was quite busy for the Supreme Court. It was marked by the September 1, 1984 retirement of Richard B. Adkisson as Chief Justice. Webster L. Hubbell was appointed to fill Justice Adkisson's unexpired term, ending December 31, 1984. Jack Holt, Jr. was elected Chief Justice in the November general election. Chief Justice Holt and newly-elected Associate Justice David Newbern took their respective oaths of office in early January, 1985.

Special justices are appointed by the governor when one of the justices recuses himself from hearing a case and it is ascertained that his "vote" would be necessary in order for the Court to render a decision.

Special justices during the past year's session included: Kathleen Bell, William Eckert, John Fogleman, Albert Graves, John Jennings, Eugene Kelley, James McKenzie, and Richard Moore.

The Arkansas Supreme Court's total workload is measured in terms of appeals, petitions and motions (excluding those for extension of time) of which final disposition is made during the fiscal year. Workload is also measured by total majority opinions and computed as a per-justice average.

Appeals Filed: Appeals filed in the Supreme Court totaled 439 for the 1984-85 fiscal year; 167 in criminal and 272 in civil. This represents an 8% decrease in the number of filings from the previous fiscal year. Criminal filings were down 13% while civil filings increased 5% from fiscal year 83-84. The number of petitions filed, which include petitions for certiorari, rehearing, habeas corpus, stay of execution, etc., for the 1984-85 fiscal year numbered 300; 162 criminal and 138 civil. This is a 12% increase over the previous fiscal year.

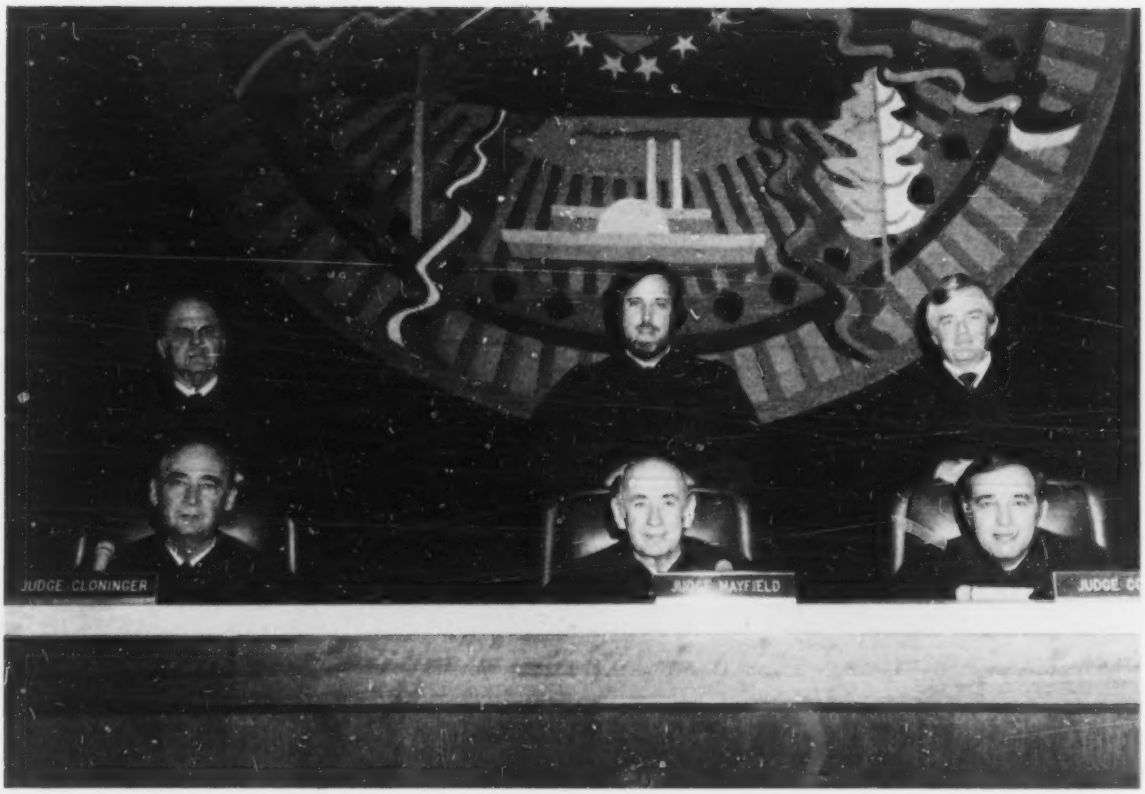


Terminations: Terminations for the 1984-85 fiscal year increased less than 1% from the previous fiscal year: from 448 to 451. The Supreme Court disposed of 187 criminal cases and 264 civil cases for the year. The number of petitions terminated for fiscal year 1984-85 totaled 292; 158 in criminal and 134 in civil. This represents a 14% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Status of Pending Cases: There were 193 appeals and 36 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1984-85. The 193 appeals pending represents a 12% decrease in the number of appeals pending over the previous fiscal year.

Time Study: A total of 91 criminal cases were surveyed by the Judicial Department for the 1984-85 fiscal year. Six of these were decided after oral arguments. For these six cases with oral arguments, it took a total average of 491 days to process each case through the judicial system. Of the 85 cases without oral arguments, an average of 552 days, or roughly 1 year and 6 months, elapsed from filing in Circuit Court to decision by the Supreme Court.

The number of civil cases surveyed totaled 123, 30 of which were decided after oral arguments. For these 30 cases, it took an average of 706 days for each case to go through the judicial system. For the 93 cases without oral arguments, an average of 726 days, or about 2 years, 2 months, and 2 weeks, passed from filing in Circuit Court to decision by the Supreme Court.



Bottom Row (left to right): Judge Lawson Cloninger, Judge Melvin Mayfield, and Judge Don Corbin. Top row (left to right): Chief Judge George Cracraft, Judge Jim Cooper, and Judge Tom Glaze.

STATE OF ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

The Court of Appeals was authorized by Amendment 58 of the Arkansas Constitution. The Court is a six-member body composed of a Chief Judge and five Associate Judges. The six judges are elected from geographical districts for staggered eight-year terms. The Chief Judge is appointed by the Chief Justice to a four-year term. The Court is divided into two panels of three judges each, and any decision rendered by a panel is final, unless a single judge dissents, whereupon the case is considered by all six judges, or "en banc". The Court of Appeals convenes on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. except when the Court is in recess.

The Court of Appeals is authorized to correct errors in cases on appeal from the same trial courts which may appeal to the Supreme Court. Examples of such cases include claims for damages, criminal cases, other than capital felonies, and cases involving worker's compensation, employment security cases, and insurance claims.

The requirements for judges of the Court of Appeals are the same as those for Supreme Court Justices. Each judge has a law clerk to assist him with his case load.

Judgments of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court when any one of three circumstances exists: the case was erroneously filed in the Court of Appeals rather than the Supreme Court; a case filed in the Court of Appeals is believed to be of paramount public interest and is "certified" to the Supreme Court; or the case was decided on a tie vote in the Court of Appeals. In this instance, a tie vote is considered as an affirmative decision and the appellant or appellee can petition the Supreme Court to hear the case.

According to the Arkansas Statutes, opinions issued by the Court of Appeals may be in conventional or memorandum form. Opinions of the Court of Appeals not designated for publication cannot be cited, quoted or referred to by any court in any argument or brief.

Oral arguments may be presented only when the Court is notified in writing two weeks prior to the hearing.

These arguments are governed by a time limitation. Only two counselors from appellant's and appellee's sides can be heard. The length of time granted each side cannot exceed 30 minutes.

Basil V. Hicks, Jr. and William Allen served as special judges on the Court of Appeals during the past year's session.

Appeals Filed: Appeals filed in the Court of Appeals numbered 846 during fiscal year 1984-85; 220 in criminal and 626 in civil. This represents a 1% decrease in the number of filings from the previous fiscal year and a 22% decrease in the number of filings from the 1982 calendar year. The reason for this dramatic decrease in filings lies in the fact that appeals from the Employment Security Division have decreased by 55% since 1982.

The number of petitions filed, which includes petitions for certiorari, rehearing, and review, in the 1984-85 fiscal year increased by 7%, from 114 to 123. There were 46 criminal and 77 civil petitions filed for the year.

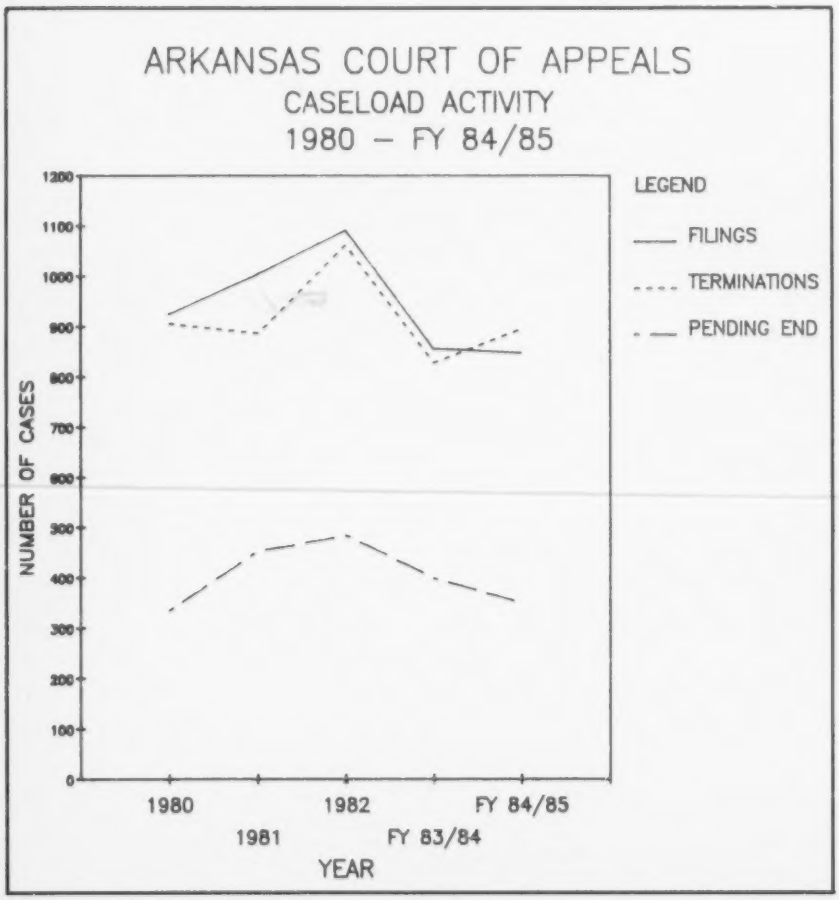
Terminations: Terminations for the 1984-85 fiscal year increased by 8% over the previous fiscal year. The Court of Appeals disposed of 895 cases, 226 of which were criminal and 669 were civil. The number of petitions terminated decreased by 4%, from 113 to 109.

Status of Pending Cases: There were 349 appeals and 22 petitions pending at the end of fiscal year 1984-85. The 349 appeals pending represents a 12% decrease from the previous fiscal year.

Time Study: During the 1984-85 fiscal year, the Judicial Department surveyed a total of 157 criminal cases decided by the Court of Appeals, 9 of which were decided after oral arguments. Of the 148 cases decided without oral arguments, it took an average of 632 days, or 1 year, 9 months, and 2 weeks from filing in Circuit Court to decision in the Court of Appeals. For the 9 cases with oral arguments, an average of 811 days, or 2 years, 3 months, and 1 week elapsed.

A total of 358 civil cases were surveyed; 50 of these were decided after oral arguments. It took an average of 883 days, or about 2 years, 5 months, and 2 weeks, for the 308 cases without oral arguments to go from filing in Circuit Court to decision by the Court of Appeals. For the 50 cases with oral arguments, it took an average of 808 days, or 2 years and 3 months to process each case.

It may be misleading as to the amount of time that a case takes to go through our judicial system. In an effort to explain this, we would like to note that, on the average, approximately 72% of the time taken to process each case being appealed is spent in the lower trial court. The remaining 28% is the time that each case spends in the appellate court, being either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Administrative personnel of the Supreme Court play a vital role in assisting the Court in fulfilling its administrative functions. Appeals are filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and docketed for either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The office then monitors progress of all appeals and original proceedings, processes appeals-related documents, maintains calendars, schedules oral arguments before the Court, reviews briefs for compliance with Supreme Court rules, records Court decisions, orders and directives and controls their release and distribution. The Office of the Clerk is responsible for distributing cases and motions to both the Courts for decision. In essence, the Office of the Clerk manages all legal records of both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Clerk of the Court is appointed by the Court for a period of six years. In addition to the duties of managing the Court's judicial proceedings, the Clerk is responsible for collecting and recording attorney's fees for licensing. The State of Arkansas licenses over 4,000 attorneys to practice law in the State. Each attorney licensed in the State of Arkansas must renew his license annually with the Supreme Court. The Clerk disburses these fees into four funds: the Supreme Court Library Fund, the Professional Conduct Committee Fund, the Client Security Fund and the Unauthorized practice of Law Fund.

Assisting the Clerk is a staff of seven, including two Chief Deputies and five Deputies.

Dona Williams serves as the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT LIBRARY

The Supreme Court Library is located on the first floor of the Justice Building on the State capitol grounds. It was founded in 1951 by an Act of the General Assembly.

The funding for the Supreme Court Library comes from several sources, including filing fees and attorney licensing fees.

A majority of the materials in the Supreme Court Library are primary materials: that is, reports and session laws from other states.

The Library also maintains an extensive collection of treatise materials, books written by recognized authorities of the law. These publications are considered secondary materials and the Library attempts to keep each area of the law covered by secondary materials.

The Library has the major legal periodicals and numerous encyclopedic materials available. It cooperates with the Law Schools, UALR, and the State Library in exchanging materials and information needed by patrons.

In 1963 the Supreme Court Library became a selective federal government depository. The enabling legislation allows the Court of Last Resort in a state to receive publications published by the U.S. Government. The Library selects only those that pertain to the law.

Jacqueline Wright is the Head Librarian for the Supreme Court Library.

Although it is not a lending Library, library staff will assist users in locating materials. The largest users of the Library are the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, with state-employed attorneys and practicing attorneys following. Laypersons use the Library periodically.

Court personnel may access court opinions through LEXIS and WESTLAW computer research systems, which are maintained by the Library. Microfiche of all of the holdings of any Arkansas library utilizing a computer system is also part of the Library's collection.

Space limitations have affected the location of some volumes in the Library. At present, renovation is going on to allow for more shelf space.

COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION

Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction in Arkansas are the circuit and chancery courts. These two courts have separate jurisdictions with circuit courts presided over by a circuit judge and chancery court by a chancellor. At present, there are 32 circuit judges and 29 chancellors. Also, there are 9 combined jurisdiction judges in the State. The combined jurisdiction judges have only existed since 1979 and have a jurisdiction over criminal, civil, chancery and probate cases.

Circuit judges are elected to the bench by the voters of the respective judicial circuits every four years, and chancellors are likewise elected to terms of six years. Circuit judges' terms of office expire on the same date every four years and all run for reelecttion. Chancellors have staggered terms of office which means about one-third of the chancellors run for reelection every two years. The qualifications necessary for service as a circuit or chancery judge are that he must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Arkansas for two years, practiced law for six years, or served as a judge of any Court of Record for a period of time that, when added to the practice of law, equals six years.

Generally, circuit court has jurisdiction over criminal and civil cases, and hears appeals from Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. The appeals from these lower courts are heard "de novo". This means that the case is tried by the judge of the circuit court as if it were never tried at the lower court level. Trial by jury is a matter of right in circuit court, but does not exist in chancery court.

Chancery court is a Court of Equity. An equity case is a civil case that applies the rules of equity because the law does not give an adequate remedy. Chancery court has jurisdiction over divorce, custody/support, and other related actions. Also, the chancellor is the probate judge who has jurisdiction in guardianships, commitment proceedings, adoptions, and estate cases.

Arkansas Circuit & Chancery Court Districts - Effective January 1, 1985

The State is divided into 24 judicial circuits. The judges have jurisdiction only in the circuit in which elected unless assigned by the Chief Justice to hear a case or cases in another circuit. The circuit may consist of one county or several counties. The legislature determines how the circuits are formed and has the authority to reconfigure the circuits when imbalances in workload exist. At present, there are three single-county circuits and the remainder have from two to six counties. As of January 1, 1985, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit was divided into Seventeen-East (White and Prairie Counties) and Seventeen-West (Lonoke County).

The legislature has established a Judicial Reapportionment Committee. The Committee will be responsible for studying the situations of the several circuit and chancery judges to determine if conditions (caseload, popula-

tion, etc.) warrant a change in boundaries or increasing the number of judges. The Committee will report its findings to the legislature for the 1987 session.

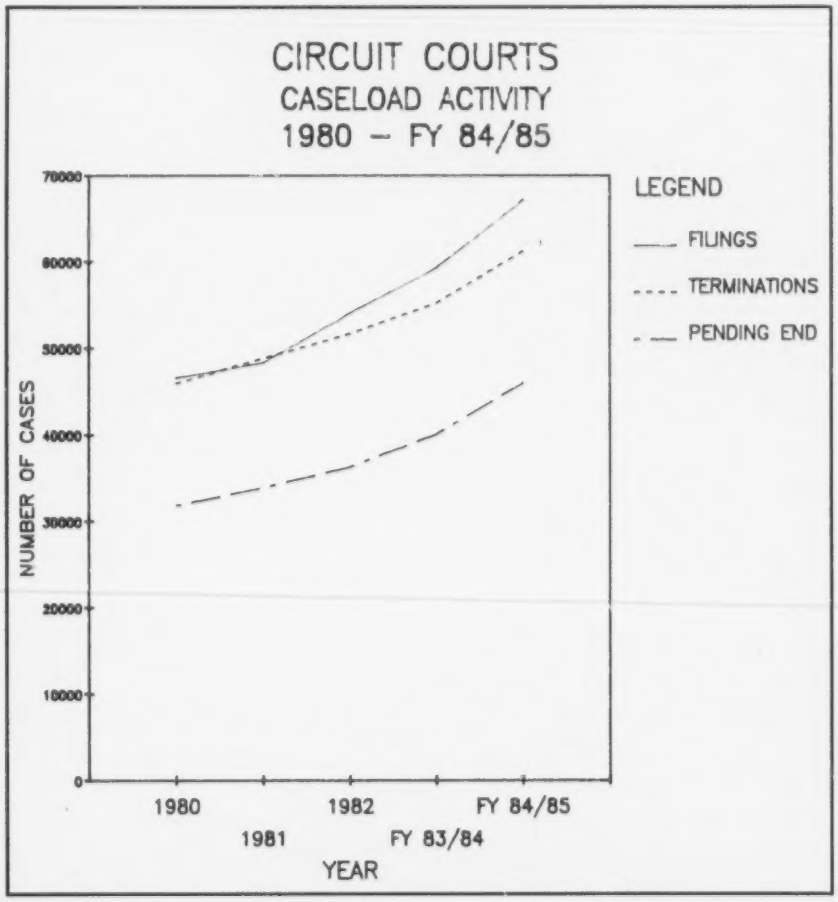
Cases Filed: In Fiscal Year 1984-85, a total of 118,766 cases were filed statewide in Arkansas' General Jurisdiction Courts. This is an increase in total filings of 9.3% (10,070 cases) from the previous year.

Circuit Court had the largest increase in filings at 13.2%. This is the largest rate of increase in criminal and civil case filings since 1975. Upon further examination, civil filings increased the greatest amount from FY 1983-1984 to FY 1984-1985 at 16.5% (4,758 cases). This rate of increase is dramatic when compared to previous years. Criminal filings increased, during the same period, by 10.1% (3,075 cases). The rate of increase in criminal filings has continued to slow its pace.

The chancery and probate case filing rate of increase at 4.5% (2,237 cases) represents the largest increase since 1981.

(See pie charts on page 18 for a breakdown of case types filed by court.)

Circuit Judge Randall Williams serves as the President of the Arkansas Judicial Council. In the foreground, he sits at their May, 1985 meeting.



Comparison of Cases Filed

Cases Filed	FY '83-84	FY '84-85	% Increase
All courts	108,696	118,766	9.3%
Circuit Court	59,280	67,113	13.2%
Chancery Ct.*	49,416	51,653	4.5%

*Includes Probate

Dispositions: Courts of General Jurisdiction disposed of 107,943 cases during this fiscal year. This is an 8% increase over FY 1983-84. 61,166 (56.9%) were criminal and civil and 46,777 (43.1%) were chancery and probate.

The disposition ratio for Courts of General Jurisdiction was 90.89. On the average, there were 1,611 dispositions per judge.

Disposition/Filing Ratio: The number of dispositions divided by the filings. In other words, the percentage of cases filed that are disposed within a specific time period.

(See the disposition ratios by circuit on page 51.)

Comparison of Cases Terminated

Cases Terminated	FY '83-84	FY '84-85	% Increase
All Courts	99,937	107,943	8.0%
Circuit Court	55,222	61,166	10.8%
Chancery Ct.*	44,715	46,777	4.6%

*Includes Probate

Pending Cases: There were 79,318 circuit and chancery court cases (including probate) pending in FY 1984-1985. This represents a 15% increase in pending cases from last fiscal year. The number of months required to process these cases, if no new filings were added, would be about eight months.

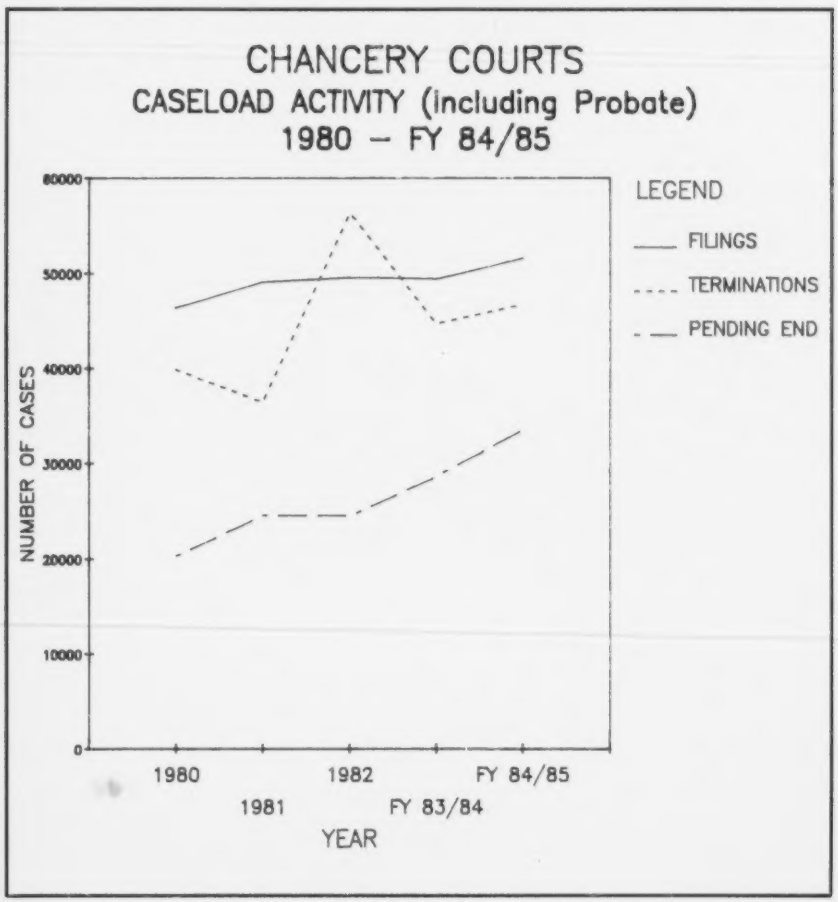
The average number of pending cases per judge is 1,163. This is an increase over FY 1983-84 of 137 cases per judge. The average number of cases pending per circuit judge is 1,300, and per chancellor is 1,018 (including probate cases).

The percentage of cases over two years of age in criminal cases has remained constant at five percent (911 cases). These cases are usually over the two year time limit due to the issuance of a warrant that was not served due to the absence of the defendant during the life of the case. Civil cases over two years of age continue to increase at one percent per year. Civil cases have increased at this pace since 1981. The percentage of civil cases over two years of age is 15 (3,570 cases). Chancery cases over two years of age have increased to 13% (3,012 cases) which is a one percent increase over FY 1983-84. Probate cases over two years of age have decreased by three percent.

Comparison of Pending Cases

Cases Pending	FY '83-84	FY '84-85	% Increase
All Courts	68,776	79,138	15.0%
Circuit Ct.**	40,046	45,532	13.7%
Chancery Ct.*	28,730	33,606	16.7%

*Includes Probate
**Includes cases with warrants outstanding

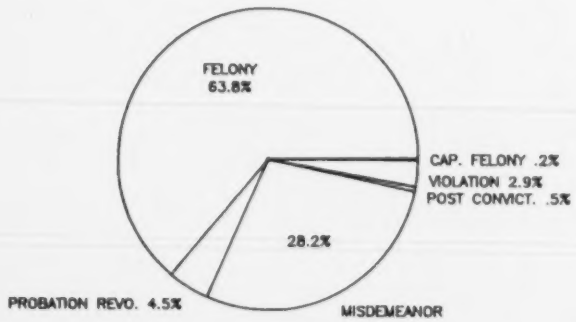


NOTE: Termination and Pending End figures before 1982 exclude probate. It should be noted when examining the graph of chancery caseload activity that the sharp decline after 1982 was created by a change in requirements for caseload reporting for the probate courts.

SUMMARY OF CASES FILED STATEWIDE
FY 1984/85

CIRCUIT COURT

CRIMINAL



CRIMINAL CASES FILED (33,476)

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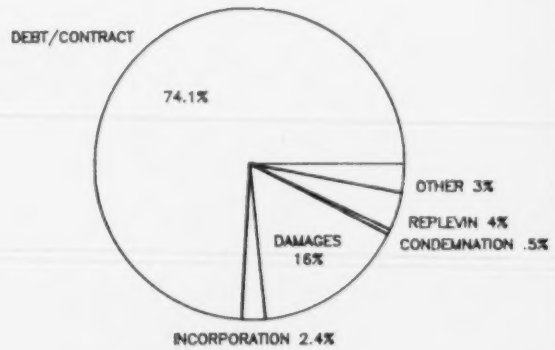
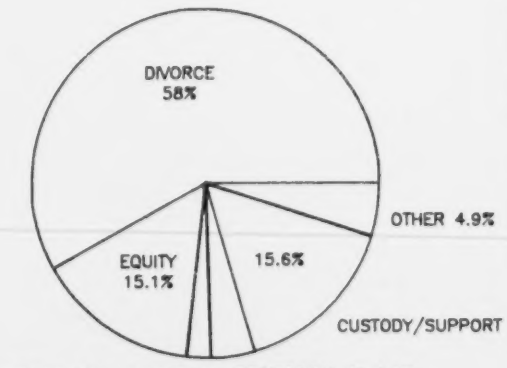


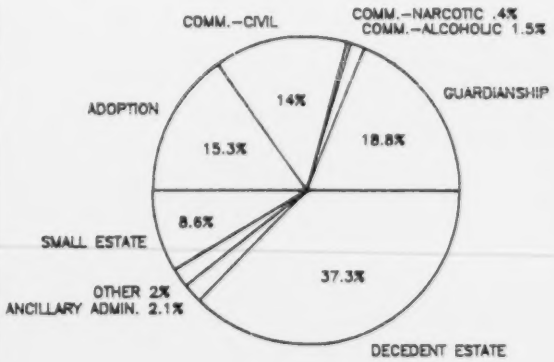
CIVIL CASES FILED (33,637)

CHANCERY COURT



CHANCERY CASES FILED (40,509)

PROBATE COURT



PROBATE CASES FILED (11,144)

COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

The Constitution of the State of Arkansas provides the establishment of the various courts of limited jurisdiction as well as their powers and jurisdiction.

Courts of limited jurisdiction in Arkansas are: County Courts, Courts of Common Pleas, Municipal Courts, City Courts, Police Courts and Justice of the Peace Courts. These are "local courts" and they play a vital role in the maintenance of justice in the State and in providing safety on our streets and highways.

County Courts- The county judge presides over the court and is the business manager of the county.

The county courts have the following powers and jurisdiction: Exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, paupers, bastardy cases, the apprenticeship of minors and jurisdiction in other cases that may be necessary to the internal improvement and local concern of the counties. Also, in the absence of the chancellor from the county, the county court may issue writs of injunction or restraining orders after an action has been commenced. In the absence of the circuit judge, the county judge has the power to issue orders for injunctions and other provisional writs.

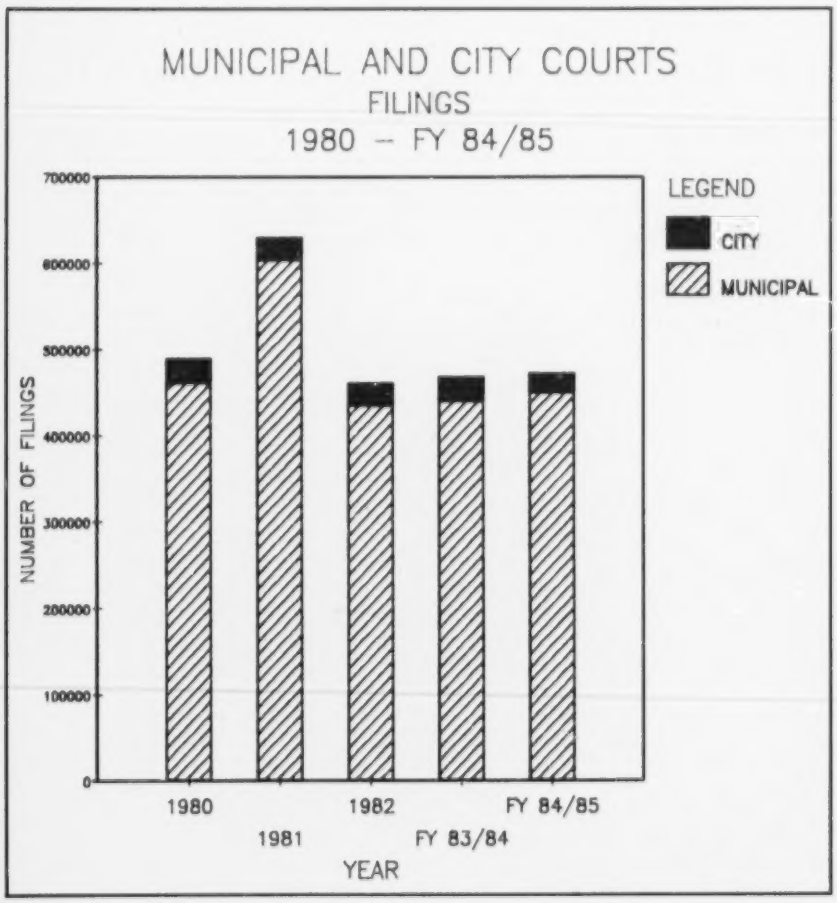
Juvenile Courts- In 1911, the General Assembly enacted the Juvenile Courts Act. This court was to be held by the county judge. Begining in 1927, Act 177 authorized the appointment of a referee by the judge of the juvenile court. Every juvenile referee appointed after July 1, 1975, must be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas. However, those presently serving as juvenile referees who are not attorneys may be reappointed to their positions.

Act 451 of 1975, known as the Arkansas Juvenile Code, revised the Juvenile Courts Act to bring Arkansas' juvenile court system into conformity with the U.S. Supreme Court decisions of the 1960's which imposed constitutional due process guarantees upon state juvenile court proceedings.

Municipal Courts- These courts constitute the principal courts of limited jurisdiction. The court has countywide jurisdiction except in those counties having two judicial districts. In that case, jurisdiction is limited to the district in which the court is situated.

It is the only court of limited jurisdiction in which the judge is to be an attorney. He is required to have practiced law for three years, except in cities of less than 15,000, in which any licensed, practicing attorney is eligible.

Courts of Common Pleas- Jurisdiction of these courts is generally limited to civil actions in which the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000. These courts are presided over by the county judges, and appeals may be taken to the circuit court where trials are de novo. The courts exist in the following counties: Ashley, Chicot, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Garland, Lee, Lonoke, Madison, Mississippi, Nevada and Prairie.



City Courts- There are no special qualifications for holding city court other than being mayor and, thus, the mayor is given broad powers to allow someone else to hold court for him, or, in the case of absence or incapacity, the recorder is authorized to perform the functions of magistrate.

Police Courts- Jurisdictions similar to that of city court, but the police court judge is elected as a judge rather than as an administrative officer and ex-officio judge.

Presently, there are 6 existing police courts in the State: Beebe, Earle, Holly Grove, Leachville, Manila and Marion.

Justice of the Peace- Their jurisdiction as judicial officers is basically to hear misdemeanor cases and civil cases when the amount in controversy does not exceed $300.

Presently there are no Justice of the Peace Courts existing in the State.

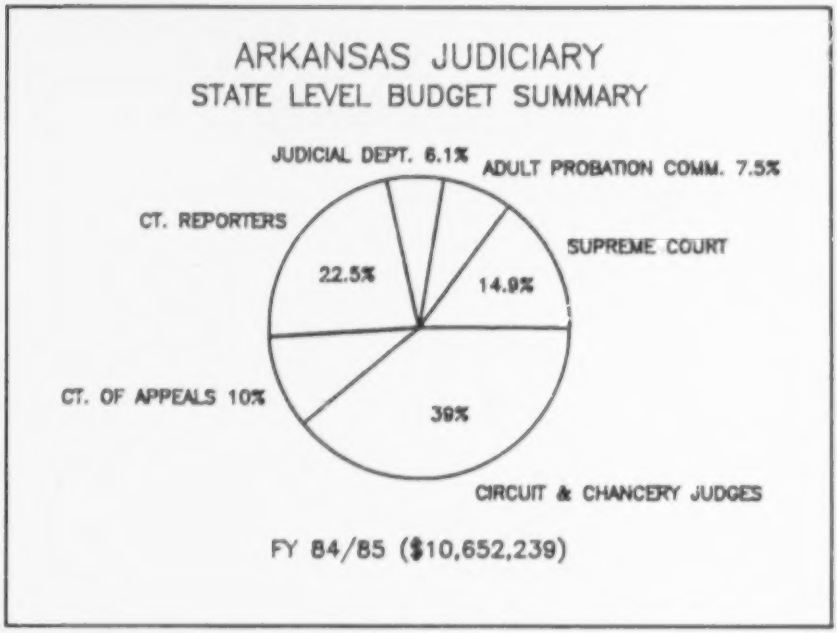
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCING THE ARKANSAS JUDICIARY

The Arkansas courts are financed from a variety of sources. State, county and city governments contribute to the funding of the system. The degree of funding depends on the level of jurisdiction of the court.

State government is the sole funding source for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, appellate clerical support staff, Supreme Court Law Library and Judicial Department (Office of the Executive Secretary). In addition, the state supports the Adult Probation Commission, and the salaries and related costs, travel, and educational assistance for judges and court reporters of the circuit, chancery and probate courts.

State government had budgeted for its portion of the costs of the court system for fiscal year 1984-85 a total of $10,652,239. Each fiscal year begins July 1 and ends on June 30. The operating budgets are legislatively determined every biennium, with operating funds allocated from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund. The operating funds apportioned to the courts at this level represent 0.71% of the total state government operating appropriations in FY 1984-85.



County government is the funding source for circuit, chancery and probate courts' support and clerical staff salaries and related costs, supplies, equipment, utilities and facilities within the judicial circuit. Each county within the circuit provides funds according to a pro rata share of the court expenses which are district-wide and is solely responsible for the facilities and utilities within the county. County government pays all expenses of the county courts (Bastardy, Juvenile and Courts of Common Pleas).

In general, the county government shares with city government the cost of municipal court. The county share is usually fifty percent, but there are numerous exceptions to this pattern in a variety of locally-negotiated arrangements.

City government is responsible for the remainder of municipal court expense not provided by county government, and is the sole support of city or police courts.

Revenues of the Arkansas court system are largely generated through fines and forfeitures from municipal courts. In 1984, municipal and city courts reported $20,905,698 collected in fines and costs. This does not mean that cities received all of the collections of municipal court. Municipal court penalties are divided between the county and the city where the court sits. Also, municipal and city courts collect fines and costs that are disbursed to state funds.

In addition to fines, there are numerous court costs and fees assessed against criminal defendants, civil litigants and other users of court services. These costs and fees fall into a few basic categories:

- officer fees, e.g., fees assessed for specific services performed by a clerk or other court-related official;
- costs imposed to support some special state purpose, e.g., Justice Building Fund;
- costs imposed to support some special local purpose, e.g., County Law Library Fund.

The cost of operating the state court system is extremely difficult to determine due to the various governmental funding levels. What financial determination that does exist is usually dated. The last comprehensive study conducted was in 1978. The National Center For State Courts conducted a survey and determined the costs of the court system as between 15 and 17 million dollars.

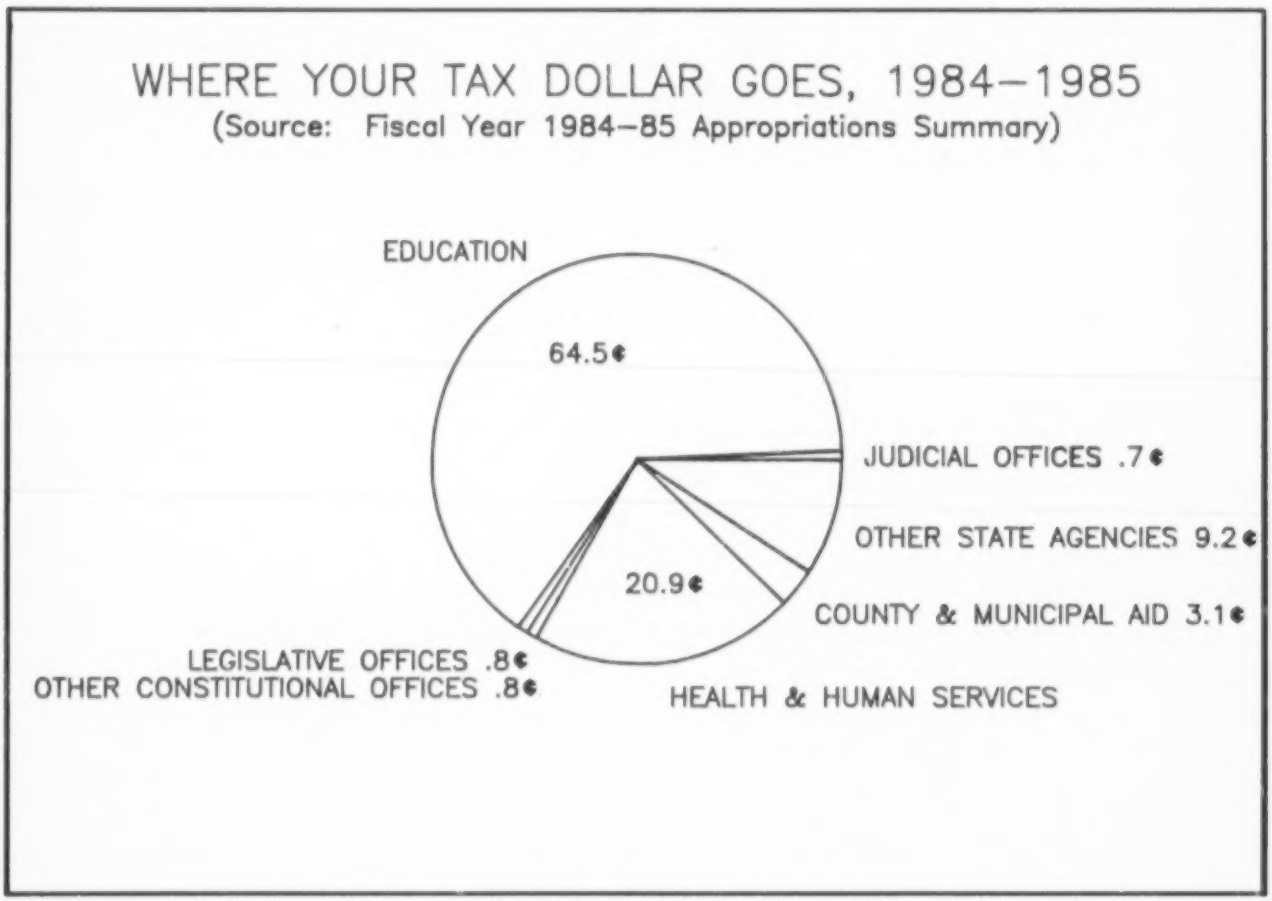
Since 1978, the Court of Appeals and the Adult Probation Commission have been added to the system. Also, the State has assumed the responsibility for funding the court reporters' salaries and related costs.

In the 1985 Legislative Session, the legislature enacted a law that appoints a Court Finance Study Commission. It will be the responsibility of this Com-

mission to investigate the financing of the courts' personnel and recommend funding possibilities. This Commission is a result of local county governments requesting action in an area that they perceive as a State responsibility. The Commission will be presenting its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in the 1987 session.

Also, the legislature, in 1985, added an additional Circuit Judge and an additional Chancellor to the Tenth Judicial Circuit. This will add an estimated $153,064 to State government court expenses in FY 1985-1986. This provides the services of two judges and two court reporters.

State government, in FY 1984-1985, as its share of Judicial appropriations, appropriated seven tenths of one percent of every dollar appropriated to State government agencies to the court system. This is reflected in the chart below.



THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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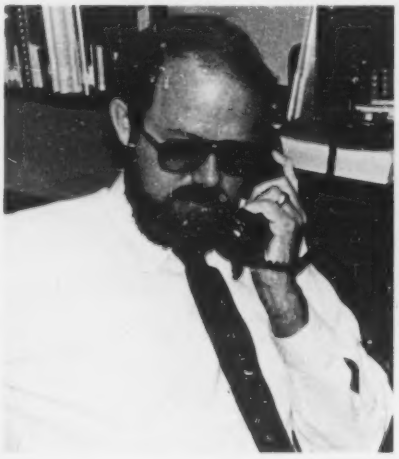
The Judicial Department (Office of the Executive Secretary) is the administrative office for the nonjudicial business of the Courts. The staff consists of: Deputy Executive Secretary; Systems Division; Deaf Interpreter/Translator Office; Financial Office; Legal Research Coordinator Office; and the Mental Health Magistrate Office.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, with the approval of the Judicial Council, and holds office at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.



Appointed by the Chief Justice, Christopher Thomas holds the office of Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department.

In particular, the Executive Secretary is responsible for performing the following functions: examining the administrative methods of the Courts and making recommendations to the Chief Justice for their improvement; examining the state of the dockets of the Courts, securing information as to their needs for assistance, if any, prepare statistical data and reports of the business of the Courts and advise the Chief Justice of the proper action that may be taken; examining the estimates of the Courts of the State for appropriations and presenting the Chief Justice recommendations concerning them; examining the statistical systems of the Courts and making recommendations to the Chief Justice for a uniform system of judicial statistics; and attending to such other matters as may be assigned by the Chief Justice.

Deputy Executive Secretary Jack Jarrett assists the Executive Secretary in all administrative functions and has a primary responsibility of monitoring the fiscal conditions of the courts and reporting recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

SYSTEMS DIVISION

The Systems Division has the overall responsibility for the statewide judicial information system. The Division monitors the uniformity of judicial statistics of the Courts and makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary for improvement of the reporting and collection process. Additional responsibilities include providing data and management-oriented statistical reports regarding Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit, Chancery, Probate, County, Municipal and City Courts.

John Stewart is the Chief of the Systems Division for the Judicial Department.

The Systems Division also assists courts at all levels in the study, evaluation and implementation of computer systems, and the development of software to assist in record-keeping and management systems.

DEAF INTERPRETER/ TRANSLATOR OFFICE

The deaf interpreter travels statewide to assist with criminal and civil

proceedings where deaf persons are involved. The interpreter coordinates and conducts training for attorneys, law enforcement agencies and interested people within the State and County Judicial System. This training educates system personnel in areas relating to language, culture, reading comprehension and speech difficulties affecting the deaf.

Shirley Herald serves as the Deaf Interpreter for the Judicial Department.

The interpreter is responsible for development of training programs for other interpreters. This training is designed to upgrade the interpreters' skills, to make the trainee aware of responsibilities and to give them a general backgound regarding judicial procedures.

The interpreter is also responsible for compiling and maintaining a list of translators for any foreign language translation needs that may arise in the courts.

FINANCIAL OFFICE

The Financial Officer is responsible for establishing and maintaining financial records necessary to reflect departmental transactions; maintaining an inventory of equipment; ordering all supplies; and preparing payroll information and travel reimbursement.

The Financial Officer makes arrangements for Circuit and Chancery Judges to attend out-of-state judicial education schools and seminars. Other duties include assisting the Executive Secretary with the Spring and Fall meetings of the Arkansas Judicial Council.

LEGAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR

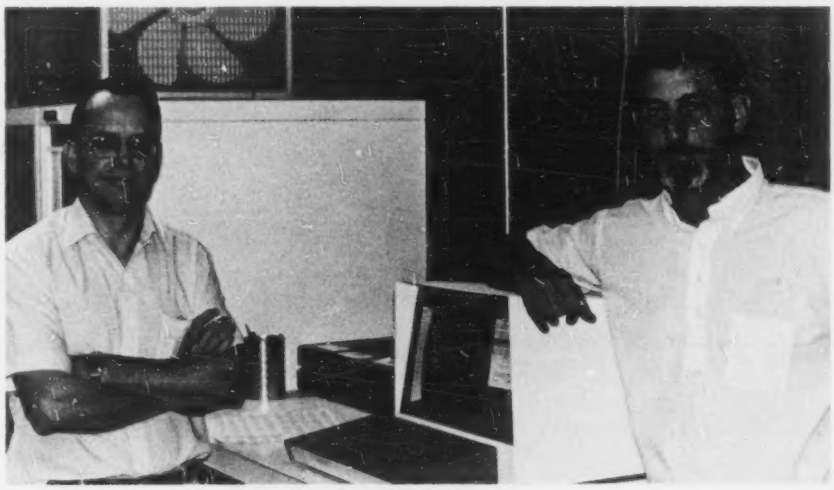
The staff research attorney provides legal counsel and assistance to the Executive Secretary and the Department. In addition, the attorney responds to inquiries from judges and clerks of general and limited jurisdiction courts. He assists in drafting legislation pertaining to the judiciary of the State for submission to the general assembly and monitors judicial legislation under consideration during regular or extraordinary sessions. The research attorney conducts hearings in the event the regular mental health magistrate is unable to be present.

MENTAL HEALTH MAGISTRATE

The Mental Health Magistrate conducts hearings for the involuntary commitment of persons to the State Hospital. The hearings are conducted for the purpose of continuing psychiatric evaluations; determining the necessity of a further period of commitment; or releasing the patient.

The Magistrate has been appointed by the probate judges of Pulaski and Perry Counties to hear involuntary commitments. During the next year, additional counties will be appointing the Magistrate to hear involuntary commitments from their jurisdictions.

The Magistrate is housed and conducts hearings at the State Hospital in Little Rock.



Jack Marks, (left) Systems Analyst, and Pete Neathery, Programmer, take care of the computer at the Judicial Department. All of the data for circuit, chancery, probate, juvenile, municipal and city courts in the State are stored in this computer.

BOARDS, COUNCILS, & COMMISSIONS

ARKANSAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL, INC.

The Judicial Council consists of the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Judges of the Circuit and Chancery Courts and Retired Judges. The Council was organized to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial education for assisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing judicial education for members, accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select, substitute and replace members of the judicial retirement board.

The Judicial Council meets in the spring and fall each year. During the meetings, educational presentations are provided and the sub-committees meet to discuss issues that might affect the Council of the Judiciary.

Officers are: Randall Williams, President; George Cracraft, Vice-President; Chris Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

MUNICIPAL JUDGES COUNCIL

The Municipal Judges Council was formed as a voluntary organization to: promote the effectiveness of the Municipal Courts to the Legislature and the public; to provide a comprehensive educational program for all of the municipal courts statewide; and to provide a forum for municipal judges to meet with their peers to discuss criminal justice problems and solutions.

The Municipal Judges Council meets annually in May. Educational topics are presented and a business meeting is held to elect officers and discuss issues that concern municipal courts.

Officers for the Council are: Charles Williams, President; Robert Smith, First Vice-President; John Crain, Second Vice-President; and James Sprott, Secretary-Treasurer.

JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Judicial Ethics Committee was created in 1977 and became operational in December 1978. The Committee has the following powers and duties:

1) to investigate formal charges or complaints or alleged violations of laws, canons of judicial ethics, and the mental or physical disability of members of the Supreme, Circuit, Chancery and Municipal Courts which affect their competency or ability to perform the duties of their office.

2) to prepare and file with the General Assembly a bill of charges, specifiying the misconduct or disability with which a member of the judicial branch is charged, whenever the Committee believes there is probable cause for discipline or removal from office.

The Committee is composed of five members, appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees. The members of the Committee are: George Steel, Jr., Jerry Cavaneau, Meredith Wineland, Dale Price and Don Smith. The Committee employes an investigator.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Committee on Professional Conduct receives and investigates complaints against attorneys who are charged with professional misconduct. Activity of this committee is financed by a portion of the annual license fees.

Members of the Committee are appointed by the Supreme Court to serve a seven-year term. The Committee is comprised of seven members. One is appointed from each Congressional District and three are appointed at large. Members of the Committee are: Beryl Smith, Sam Ed Gibson, Walter Niblock, Damon Young, Susan Miller, Nancy Wood and Darrell Brown. Joe Phillips, the only full-time employee, is the Executive Secretary of the Committee.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT BOARD

The Judicial Retirement Board was created to determine the eligibility for retirement or disability of judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit and Chancery Courts.

The members of the Board are selected and serve at the pleasure of the State Judicial Council. The members are: Associate Justice Robert Dudley, Gayle Ford, and David Partain.

STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

This Board prepares the questions for the Bar examinations conducted twice yearly, grades the papers of those taking the examinations and certifies to the Court the names of those who pass. It also investigates and recommends applicants for admission by reciprocity.

Members of the Board are appointed for a term of three years. Two members are appointed from each Congressional District, with three members appointed at large. Stephen Safly is the Executive Secretary. Members are: Bill Bristow, Garland Ridenour, Gale Stewart, Ronald May, Frank Huckaba, Woodson Bassett, William Prewett, Kenneth Johnson, Richard Mays, Josephine Hart and Don Schnipper.

UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE

This Committee has the responsibility of receiving and investigating complaints against persons charged with practicing law without a license.

One member is appointed from each Congressional District. Three members are appointed at large. The at-large members of the Committee are non-lawyers.

The members of the Committee are: Jerry Pinson, Kathleen Bell, Zack Wilson, John Graves, Mel Orender, Wayne Hartsfield and Jerry Fleming.

STATUTE REVISION COMMISSION

This Commission, established by statute (Act 1945, No. 50), is responsible for publishing the various amendments to the statutes of Arkansas. Ex-officio members of the Committee are: Jake Looney, Dean at U of A Law School, Fayetteville; Lawrence Averill, Dean at U of A Law School, Little Rock; and Bob Ross, Attorney General designee. Members of the committee appointed by the Supreme Court for a four-year term are: W.H. Sutton, William S. Arnold and Douglas Smith. Non-voting members are: Representative Jim Shaver and Senator Mike Beebe.

ADULT PROBATION COMMISSION

The Adult Probation Commission was established to make probation services available throughout the State, to improve the effectiveness of probation services, to provide alternatives to incarceration and to establish uniform probation administration standards.

The Commission consists of nine members, five of whom are circuit judges who hear criminal cases and four who are private citizens not employed in the criminal justice system. Members serve a term of six years. Commission members are: Randall Williams, Cecil Tedder, John Langston, Hugh Lookadoo, Gayle Ford, James Haddock, Lucretia McDonald, Michael O'Brien and H.W. Stewart, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

The Supreme Court has appointed two committees to advise the Court on changes to the Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure in all courts of the State and to prescribe the time for and manner of taking appeals. The Committees are to serve as a vehicle for continuous study and review of the rules.

Members of the Civil Procedure Committee are: Henry Wilkinson, David Blair, Thomas Butt, William Enfield, John Gill, Wendall Hall, Phillip Hicky, Frank Huckaba, Stephen Matthews, David Newbern, Alex Sanderson, Dennis Shackleford, William Sutton, Walter Cox, Kenneth Gould, William Wilson, Jr. and John Watkins.

Members of the Criminal Procedure Committee are: William Enfield, William Allen, Robert Edwards, John Fogleman, Ray Guzman, Ray Hartenstein, Samuel Perroni, Priscilla Pope, Philip Purifoy, James Ross, Jr., Robert Williams and Steele Hays.

COMMITTEE ON MODEL JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Two Committees exist which are charged with the preparation of Model Jury Instructions: The Committee on Civil Jury Instruction and The Committee on Criminal Jury Instruction. Both committees remain active for the purpose of updating and revising the instructions as needed.

Members of the Civil Jury Instruction Committee are: Winslow Drummond, Philip Anderson, Jr., W.H. Arnold, David Blair, Lyle Brown, Phillip Carroll, John Everett, Robert Jones, Jr., James McKenzie, Dale Price, W.B. Putman, Jacob Sharp, Jr., George Rose Smith, Floyd Thomas, Jr., Henry Woods, Tilden Wright, III and Paul Young.

Members of the Criminal Model Jury Instruction Committee are: Wayne Matthews, George Rose Smith, Gerald Brown, William Enfield, Jack Lessenberry, John Calhoun, Rafael Guzman, Steve Engstrom, Frank Newell, Frederick Ursery, Tom Carpenter and Larry Carpenter.

BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

The Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners was established in 1983. This Board has the primary responsibility of implementing and administering the rules and regulations of the Court Reporter Certification Program.

The Board is composed of seven members who are appointed by the Supreme Court. Four of the members are judges of the General Jurisdiction or Appellate Courts, and the remaining three members are court reporters. The members are appointed for a term of 3 years.

The members of the Board are: Darrell Hickman, Gayle Ford, Walter Wright, Charles Eddy, Marjorie Gachot, Allen Hill and Joan Porter.

BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

The Board of Legal Specialization is responsible for the drafting, publishing, implementation, and enforcement of the standards, rules, and regulations that govern how attorneys may represent themselves to the public as specialists in one or more fields of law or law practice.

The members of the Board are: Randall Ishmael, Richard Hatfield, James Cypert, John Lewis, John Stroud, Oliver Clegg, W.R. Wilson, Jr. and Tim Boe.

The Advisory Commission is composed of: James Burns, Laverne Feaster, George McClure, Carol Williams and D.L. D'Auteuil.

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE

This Committee is authorized to consider claims of clients who have suffered losses by reason of dishonesty of attorneys who represented them. The Committee is authorized to pay such claims (within limits) from a fund established by the Court and supported by a portion of the annual license fee. The Committee is comprised of five members. One member is appointed at large and the remainder from each Congressional District. The members are: James King, Wendell Hall, Robert Cloar, Bobby Shepherd and Meredith Catlett.

COURT PERSONNEL

SUPREME COURT, LAW CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

Chief Justice Jack Holt, Jr.
Lynn Stringer, Clerk
Haley Schnell, Secretary

Justice George Rose Smith
David Paul, Clerk
Mary DuVal, Secretary

Justice Darrell Hickman
Kris Baber, Clerk
Hilda Thomas, Secretary

Justice John Purtle
James Madison (Matt) Barker, Clerk
Linda Nooner, Secretary

Justice Robert Dudley
Melinda Smith, Clerk
Dee Hickman, Secretary

Justice Steele Hays
Dorothy Crookshank, Clerk
Joan Hunter, Secretary

Justice David Newbern
Bart Virden, Clerk
Ann West, Secretary

LAW CLERKS AT LARGE

Jana Cairns
Patricia (Patti) Stanley Luppen
Evelyn L. Moorehead

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Robin Henthorne, Chief Deputy Clerk
Janie Owen, Deputy Clerk
Christopher J. (Kit) Acklin, Deputy Clerk
Jacqueline Wright, Librarian
Margaret Anne Beam, Ass't Librarian
Clyde Calliotte, Court Reporter
Marlo Bush, Assistant Reporter
Sue Newberry, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Pam Dodson, Secretary

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Betty Anderson, Clerk
Linda Worstell, Secretary

Judge Jim Cooper
Joe Calhoun, Clerk
Judy Cooper, Secretary

Judge Lawson Cloninger
Bill Jones, Clerk
Polly Browning, Secretary

Judge Don Corbin
Becky Blass, Clerk
Marilyn Cuffman, Secretary

Judge Melvin Mayfield
Marian Epperson, Clerk
Mary Mayfield, Secretary

Judge Tom Glaze
Lucille DeGostin, Clerk
Sherry Craven, Secretary

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Sharon Streett
Shelley Kritz

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Leslie Steen, Deputy Clerk
Melissa Fuller, Deputy Clerk
Denise Parks, Deputy Clerk

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Jack Holt, Jr., Chief Justice
Christopher Thomas, Executive Secretary
Jack Jarrett, Deputy Executive Secretary
John Stewart, Chief, Systems Division
Keith Caviness, Research Coordinator
Rose Stewart, Financial Officer
Shirley Herald, Deaf Interpreter
Elizabeth Dowling, Mental Health Magistrate
Eileen Parins, Data Auditor II
Dinda Hemphill, Data Auditor II
Elizabeth Jose, Data Auditor I
Ben Houston, Data Auditor I
Sue Dishongh, Data Auditor I
Kay Boothman, Data Auditor I
Jack Marks, System Analyst
Pete Neathery, Programmer
Ruby Lewis, Secretary
Nancy Jewell, Secretary
Joyce Duran, Secretary

Note: Honorable Robert Lowery, Municipal Judge of DeQueen, served as Executive Secretary during the first half of FY 84-85.

The Judicial Department extends its appreciation to Judge Lowery for a job well done.

Note: All personnel noted in this section reflect only those who were in employment within the judicial system during the 1984-1985 fiscal year.

CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY JUDGES

CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT JUDGE	CHANCELLOR
1	Henry Wilkinson	John Pittman
	Harvey Yates	Bentley Story
2	Gerald Brown	Graham Partlow
	David Burnett	Howard Templeton
	Gerald Pearson	Henry Wilson
3	Andrew G. Ponder	Tom L. Hilburn
4	Mahlon Gibson	Thomas F. Butt
	Paul Jameson	John Lineberger
5	John S. Patterson	Richard Mobley
6	David Bogard	Bruce Bullion
	Tom F. Digby	John Earl
	Jack Lessenberry	Lee A. Munson
	John W. Langston	Judith Rogers
	Floyd Lofton	
	Perry Whitmore	
7	John W. Cole	Robert Garrett
8	John W. Goodson	Jim Gunter
	*Philip B. Purifoy	
9-E	*Hugh Lookadoo	
9-W	*Ted Capeheart	
10	Paul K. Roberts	Donald Clarke
11-E	*Russell Rogers	
11-W	H.A. Taylor	Lawrence Dawson
	Randall Williams	Eugene Harris
12	John Holland	Warren Kimbrough
	David Partain	Bernice Kizer
	*Don Ray Langston	
13	Harry F. Barnes	Charles Plunkett
	John Graves	Henry Yocum
14	Robert M. McCorkindale, II	Roger V. Logan, Jr.
15	Charles H. Eddy	Van Taylor
16	Stephen Choate	Carl McSpadden
17-E	Cecil Tedder	Jim Hannah
17-W	*Jim Burnett	
18-E	Walter Wright	John Robbins
18-W	*Gayle Ford	
19	William Enfield	Oliver Adams
	*John E. Jennings	
20	George Hartje	Andre McNeil

*Circuit/Chancery & Probate Judge

COUNTY	COUNTY JUDGE	CIRCUIT CLERK	COUNTY CLERK	JUVENILE COURT REFEREE
ARKANSAS	Bobby Ashcraft	Joan L. Pollard	David C. Powell	Bobby Ashcraft*
ASHLEY	Don Hartley	C. Dean Nelson	Sarah P. Atkins	Tim Tarvin
BAXTER	Joe Dillard	Arnold R. Knight	Arnold R. Knight	Ron Kincade
BENTON	A.E. "Al" Norwood	Josephine Heyland	Mary Lou Slinkard	Craig Campbell
BOONE	Clifford Tomlinson	Helen Speer	David Witty	Bill Doshier
BRADLEY	Joe L. Fowler	Catherine Richardson	Ioma McKinney	Robert Garner
CALHOUN	Bill Wylie	Harold Watson	Harold Watson	Ronnie A. Phillips
CARROLL	Gaylord Farmer	Jackie Bunch	Stephen Swofford	W.Q. Hall
CHICOT	R. "Red" Burchfield	Gladys Hicks	Jacqueline Suitt	O.C. Burnside
CLARK	Miles McCauley	Billy C. Williams	Polly Pennington	John Jackson
CLAY	Harry Niewald	Gary N. Magee	Lavon Smart	Gary Garland
CLEBURNE	Harvey A. Adcock	Wetzel Stark	Wetzel Stark	Terry Lynn
CLEVELAND	Roy Curry	John T. Reed	John T. Reed	Roy Curry*
COLUMBIA	R.W. "Bob" Henderson	Harold Rogers	Nell Marie Smith	R.W. "Bob" Henderson*
CONWAY	T.J. Mahan	Bobby Epperson	Jerry R. Scroggins	Howard Yates
CRAIGHEAD	Roy "Red" Bearden	Pat Fleetwood	Harold Thompson	William L. Howard
CRAWFORD	George Willmuth	Georgia Polk	Harold D. Loyd	Paul D. Gant
CRITTENDEN	Brian Williams	Mary S. Besett	Sallye B. Brady	W.P. Rainey
CROSS	William Joe Wood	Claude Brawner, Jr.	Joline Norris	Robert Bassham
DALLAS	Wylie Faucett	Norma Castleberry	Norma Castleberry	Wylie Faucett*
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GARLAND	Bud Williams	Calvin Sanders	Bill Ridgeway	Paul R. Bosson
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Altheimer/Jefferson	Charles S. Goldberger	Elsie Lybrand
Altus/Franklin	Joe Ramos	Patricia J. Brashears
Arkansas City/Desha	Richard C. Bixler	Joyce Mangum
Atkins/Pope	Dale S. Braden	Brenda Graves
Austin/Lonoke	Lance L. Hanshaw	Janice Eddy
Bald Knob/White	Whit W. Fowlkes	Pearlene Randall
Barling/Sebastian	Ray Hodnett	Ronal Naffziger
Bearden/Ouachita	Phil Foster	Mark Anthony
Beebe/White *	Thomas Hughes, III	Lillian Culwell
Bradford/White	Mike Millar	C.M. Goad
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Bull Shoals/Marion	Judith Bearden	Caryl Thompson
Calico Rock/Izard	Connie B. Barksdale	C.R. Cantrell
Cammack Village/Pulaski	Dan P. Chiscolm	Sue G. Hall
Cave Springs/Benton	Darrell Marsh	Jo Ann Graham
Cotter/Baxter	John Crain	Shree' Pierce
Cotton Plant/Woodruff	Richard L. Proctor	Laura Lewis
Crawfordsville/Crittenden	William C. Howe	Julie S. Alpe
Damascus/Faulkner	William Wharton	Joyce Chapman
Des Arc/Prairie	Elmer C. Clark	Shirley Greenwood
Diaz/Jackson	B. Richard Allen	Kim J. Hubbard
Dover/Pope	Steve Gardner	Judy Petty
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Elaine/Phillips	Edward Grauman	C. Kenne
Emmet/Nevada	Dale Booker	Frank Prescott
Farmington/Washington	Jim Rose, Ili	Margie R. Smith
Fisher/Poinsett	Daniel Barker	Freda Long
Fouke/Miller	Virgil M. Roberts	Elizabeth Davis
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Gassville/Baxter	John Crain	Lynne Phillips
Gillett/Arkansas	Carl J. Madsen	Sharon Beverburg
Glenwood/Pike	Phillip M. Clay	Phyllis Eskew

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Gravette/Benton	John Terry Lee	Marty Burnett
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Greenbrier/Faulkner	Russell "Jack" Roberts	Zelda L. Holloway
Greenland/Washington	Jim Rose	Patricia L. Watkins
Greers Ferry/Cleburne	R. Bryan Tilley	Antoinette O'Brien
Gurdon/Clark	Peter M. Rudolph	Sandra Blanton
Guy/Faulkner	John C. Earl	Marjorie Rimmer
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Lowell/Benton	John M. Stephens	Helen Norwood
McRae/White	Clarence Phil Schoffner	Lela Tidwell
Madison/St. Francis	Willard Whitaker	Alice M. Reese
Magazine/Logan	Richard Lippard	Patricia McConnell
Manila/Mississippi *	Wayne Wagner	Brenda C. Watson
Marion/Crittenden *	John T. Wilkinson, III	Sue R. Held
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Mountainburg/Crawford	Bob Marquette	Phil Peters
Mountain Pine/Crawford	David M. Switzer	Mabel M. Garner
Mulberry/Crawford	Gary R. Cottrell	Margaret Berna
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Palestine/St. Francis	John D. Bridgforth	Billy Shafer
Pangburn/White	Whit W. Fowlkes	E.C. Everett Edwards
Parkdale/Ashley	Timothy R. Tarvin	Diane M. Harrell
Parkin/Cross	James C. Luker	Frank Riley
Patterson/Woodruff	James F. Daugherty	Betty Curbo
Pea Ridge/Benton	Terry L. Crabtree	Sandy Easley
Pottsville/Pope	James Kennedy	Ann Phillips
Redfield/Jefferson	Bob Leslie	Donna Oates
Rose Bud/White	A. Watson Bell	Marie A. Kahland
Smackover/Union	J.H. Kinder	Diann Parker
Stamps/Lafayette	C. Ed Cook	Sunshine W. Sutton
Stephens/Ouachita	V. Benton Rollins	Margie L. Wagnon
Sulphur Springs/Benton	Daniel Elrod	Elizabeth Newell
Summit/Marion	Michael Kelly	Frances K. Holland
Sunset/Crittenden	Alfred C. Battle	H. Ray Anderson
Taylor/Columbia	Charles Matlock	Dalton Allison
Thornton/Calhoun	James W. O'Dell	Hartsel Cayce
Traskwood/Saline	Ben Frank	Ben Frank
Tuckerman/Jackson	Steve Howard	Barbara Fields
Waldo/Columbia	Joseph J. Elcan	Gladys Baldwin
Ward/Lonoke	Lance L. Hanshaw	Melissa S. Wilson
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SUPREME COURT

TABLE 1 SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

	CASELOAD ACTIVITY					TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS									
CRIMINAL	**81**	**167**	**187**		**61**	**127**	**11**	**6**	**43**
Felony	41	92	98		35	76	3	4	9
Capital	7	9	9		7	9	0	0	0
Post-Conviction	25	23	33		15	10	4	0	27
Misdemeanor	8	43	47		4	32	4	2	7
CIVIL	**88**	**272**	**264**		**96**	**213**	**29**	**12**	**10**
Law	59	154	162		51	133	19	2	6
Equity	23	100	81		42	65	10	8	1
Probate	6	18	21		3	15	0	2	3
SUBTOTAL	**169**	**439**	**451**		**157**	**340**	**40**	**18**	**53**
PETITIONS			Granted	Denied					
CRIMINAL	**14**	**162**	**30**	**128**	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**158**
Post-Conviction	10	82	7	76	9	0	0	0	83
Certiorari	1	13	9	4	1	0	0	0	13
Rehearing	0	20	2	15	3	0	0	0	17
Review	3	20	3	19	1	0	0	0	22
Other	0	27	9	14	4	0	0	0	23
CIVIL	**14**	**138**	**19**	**115**	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**134**
Certiorari	2	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	8
Rehearing	7	64	2	63	6	0	0	0	65
Review	1	30	3	22	6	0	0	0	25
Other	4	38	13	23	6	0	0	0	36
SUBTOTAL	**28**	**300**	**49**	**243**	**36**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**292**
TOTAL	**197**	**739**	**743**		**193**	**340**	**40**	**18**	**345**

TABLE 2 SUPREME COURT WRITTEN OPINIONS

	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Dissenting/ Concurring In Part	TOTAL
Holt	30[1]	0	0	0	30
Hubble	19[1]	1	6	1	27
Adkisson	3	0	0	0	3
Smith	62[1]	4	4	0	70
Hays	45[2]	2	12	0	59
Hickman	50[1]	9	11	2	72
Purtle	44[1]	7	47	2	100
Dudley	50	1	4	0	55
Hollingsworth	22[2]	1	9	0	32
Newbern	28	2	4	0	34
Special Justice	6	0	1	0	7
Subtotal	**359**	**27**	**98**	**5**	**489**
Per Curiam	222	0	0	0	222
Total	**581**	**27**	**98**	**5**	**711**

[1]Indicates one supplemental opinion.
[2]Indicates two supplemental opinions.

TABLE 3 SUPREME COURT DISPOSITION SUMMARY

Disposition	Post-Conviction	Other Felony	Capital Felony	Misdemeanor	Subtotal	Law	Equity	Probate	Subtotal	Total
Affirmed	8	60	7	21	96	89	37	10	136	232
Reversed	0	4	1	3	8	14	11	1	26	34
Reversed and Remanded	0	7	1	0	8	16	8	4	28	36
Dismissed Without Opinion	4	3	0	4	11	19	10	0	29	40
Affirmed/Part - Reversed/Part	0	1	0	4	5	5	2	0	7	12
Reversed and Dismissed	0	2	0	2	4	1	3	0	4	8
Dismissed With Opinion	1	0	0	1	2	4	2	0	6	8
Affirmed as Modified	0	2	0	1	3	4	1	0	5	8
Transferred to Court of Appeals	0	4	0	2	6	2	8	2	12	18
Affirmed in Part/Dismissed in Part	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Consolidated	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	3	4	6
Reversed/No Opinion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Subtotal	**14**	**85**	**9**	**38**	**146**	**155**	**84**	**20**	**259**	**405**
Per Curiam Opinions	27	7	0	7	41	5	0	0	5	46
TOTAL	**41**	**92**	**9**	**45**	**187**	**160**	**84**	**20**	**264**	**451**
Oral Arguments	3	4	1	3	11	38	8	4	50	61

COURT OF APPEALS

TABLE 4 COURT OF APPEALS CASELOAD ACTIVITY

	CASELOAD ACTIVITY					TYPE OF TERMINATION			
	Pending Start	Filed	Terminated		Pending End	By Opinion	By Dismissal	By Transfer	By Other
APPEALS									
CRIMINAL	**82**	**220**	**226**		**76**	**177**	**17**	**32**	**0**
Felony	69	169	183		55	156	10	17	0
Misdemeanor	13	51	43		21	21	7	15	0
CIVIL	**316**	**626**	**669**		**273**	**396**	**46**	**71**	**156**
Law	208	445	477		176	258	24	38	156
Equity	102	168	180		90	130	21	30	0
Probate	6	13	12		7	8	1	3	0
SUBTOTAL	**398**	**846**	**895**		**349**	**573**	**63**	**103**	**156**
PETITIONS			Granted	Denied					
CRIMINAL	**2**	**46**	**1**	**34**	**13**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**33**
Certiorari	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Rehearing	0	33	0	31	2	2	0	0	29
Review	1	10	0	2	9	0	0	0	2
CIVIL	**6**	**77**	**5**	**69**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**69**
Certiorari	1	8	5	3	1	0	0	0	8
Rehearing	5	63	0	65	3	5	0	0	60
Review	0	6	0	1	5	0	0	0	1
SUBTOTAL	**8**	**123**	**6**	**103**	**22**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**102**
TOTAL	**406**	**969**	**1,004**		**371**	**580**	**63**	**103**	**258**

TABLE 5 COURT OF APPEALS WRITTEN OPINIONS

	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Concurring In Part, Dissenting In Part	Total
Cracraft	104[1]	3	1	0	108
Cooper	91[2]	3	9	0	103
Cloninger	91	0	1	0	92
Corbin	93	2	3	0	98
Mayfield	91[3]	12	17	0	120
Glaze	93[1]	6	6	1	106
Special Judges	4	0	0	0	4
Total	**567**	**26**	**37**	**1**	**631**

[1]Indicates one supplemental opinion
[2]Indicates two supplemental opinions
[3]Indicates three supplemental opinions

TABLE 6 COURT OF APPEALS DISPOSITION SUMMARY

Disposition	CRIMINAL				CIVIL			
	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Subtotal	Law	Equity	Probate	Subtotal	TOTAL
Affirmed	129	19	148	196	102	8	306	454
Reversed	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	9
Reversed and Remanded	13	2	15	38	15	0	53	68
Reversed and Dismissed	1	0	1	9	0	0	9	10
Affirmed in Part Reversed in Part and Remanded	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	8
Affirmed as Modified	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	6
Affirmed as Modified and Remanded	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Affirmed in Part and Remanded	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3
Remanded	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Affirmed Without Opinion	0	0	0	130	0	0	130	130
Petition Denied Without Opinion	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	13
Remanded Without Opinion	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Dismissed Without Opinion	10	7	17	24	21	1	46	63
Transferred to Supreme Court under Rule 29	17	15	32	38	30	3	71	103
Consolidated W/Another Case	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	12
Majority Per Curiam Opinion	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	13
Subtotal	**183**	**43**	**226**	**476**	**181**	**12**	**669**	**895**
Other Per Curiam Opinions	5	2	7	10	7	0	17	24
Total	**188**	**45**	**233**	**486**	**188**	**12**	**686**	**919**
Oral Agruments	12	2	14	36	26	1	63	77
Published Opinions	45	9	54	103	40	2	145	199

GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS

TABLE 7 - TOTAL CASES FILED - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1975	32,795	38,633	71,428
1976	33,013	39,716	72,729
1977	35,848	41,512	77,360
1978	38,692	42,867	81,559
1979	42,549	43,879	86,428
1980	46,518	46,421	92,939
1981	48,280	49,165	97,445
1982	54,034	49,629	103,663
FY 83-84	59,280	49,416	108,696
FY 84-85	67,113	51,653	118,766

TABLE 8 - STATEWIDE AVERAGE FILINGS PER JUDGE

Year	Circuit Court	Chancery & Probate Court	Statewide Total
1975	1,131	1,485	1,299
1976	1,138	1,528	1,322
1977	1,236	1,537	1,381
1978	1,334	1,587	1,456
1979	1,289	1,328	1,371
1980	1,410	1,407	1,475
1981	1,420	1,490	1,454
1982	1,589	1,504	1,547
FY 83-84	1,718	1,520	1,622
FY 84-85	1,918	1,565	1,747

TABLE 9 - RANKING OF CIRCUIT COURT BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	6	2	2,799
2	5	1	3	2,295
3	11-W	2	2	2,292
4	7	1	3	2,252
5	12	2.5*	2	2,212
6	10	1	5	2,109
7	18-E	1	1	2,030
8	16	1	5	1,870
9	13	2	6	1,841
10	2	3	6	1,719
11	20	1	3	1,637
12	9-E	.5*	2	1,630
13	4	2	2	1,590
14	3	1	4	1,541
15	17-W	.5*	1	1,522
16	14	1	4	1,519
17	1	2	6	1,510
18	15	1	4	1,464
19	17-E	1	2	1,324
20	19	1.5*	2	1,315
21	11-E	.5*	1	1,288
22	8	1.5*	4	1,245
23	9-W	.5*	3	1,186
24	18-W	.5*	2	950

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,918

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 10 - RANKING OF CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT BY FILINGS PER JUDGE

Rank	Circuit	No. of Judges	No. of Counties	Filings Per Judge
1	6	4	2	2,320
2	7	1	3	2,140
3	18-E	1	1	2,140
4	9-W	.5*	3	1,770
5	19	1.5*	2	1,679
6	10	1	5	1,657
7	2	3	6	1,611
8	15	1	4	1,607
9	14	1	4	1,569
10	20	1	3	1,502
11	5	1	3	1,469
12	17-W	.5*	1	1,444
13	1	2	6	1,424
14	16	1	5	1,422
15	13	2	6	1,338
16	17-E	1	2	1,334
17	3	1	4	1,312
18	4	2	2	1,262
19	8	1.5*	4	1,256
20	12	2.5*	2	1,256
21	11-W	2	2	1,219
22	18-W	.5*	2	1,214
23	9-E	.5*	2	1,172
24	11-E	.5*	1	1,118

Statewide average caseload per judge: 1,565

*Indicates judge is Circuit Judge and Chancellor

TABLE 11 - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT DISPOSITION RATIO

	CIRCUIT COURT			CHANCERY COURT		
Circuit	Filings	Termi-nations	Disposition Ratio	Filings	Termi-nations	Disposition Ratio
1	3,020	3,040	100.66	2,128	2,179	102.40
2	5,157	4,655	90.26	3,788	3,791	100.08
3	1,541	1,650	107.07	978	997	101.94
4	3,179	2,776	87.32	2,113	2,048	96.92
5	2,295	2,276	99.17	1,131	1,034	91.42
6	16,792	15,158	90.27	7,324	7,775	106.16
7	2,252	2,240	99.47	1,735	1,515	87.32
8	1,867	1,599	85.64	1,434	1,413	98.54
9-E	815	681	83.56	454	474	104.40
9-W	593	664	111.97	723	780	107.88
10	2,109	1,762	83.55	1,275	1,220	95.69
11-E	644	618	95.96	406	439	108.13
11-W	4,584	4,325	94.35	1,915	1,898	99.11
12	5,531	4,597	83.11	2,566	2,378	92.67
13	3,682	2,944	79.96	1,984	2,017	101.66
14	1,519	1,499	98.68	1,177	1,211	102.89
15	1,464	1,282	87.57	1,251	1,278	102.16
16	1,870	1,607	85.94	1,082	1,264	116.82
17-E	1,324	1,179	89.05	1,093	1,070	97.90
17-W	761	885	116.29	554	507	91.52
18-E	2,030	1,954	96.26	1,618	1,570	97.03
18-W	475	461	97.05	488	564	115.57
19	1,972	1,872	94.93	2,086	1,866	89.45
20	1,637	1,442	88.09	1,206	1,064	88.22
Statewide Totals	**67,113**	**61,166**	**91.14**	**40,509**	**40,352**	**99.61**

TABLE 12 - CIRCUIT COURT AND CHANCERY COURT PENDING CASES OVER TWO YEARS OLD

Circuit	Circuit Court	% Over 2 Years	Chancery Court	% Over 2 Years
1	196	9	154	11
2	197	6	553	22
3	169	11	35	5
4	185	10	2	0
5	24	2	219	23
6	778	9	211	5
7	669	30	618	39
8	116	9	27	3
9-E	7	1	53	17
9-W	56	13	25	8
10	706	30	475	39
11-E	27	7	14	6
11-W	100	4	8	1
12	541	12	21	1
13	214	8	84	7
14	28	3	43	7
15	62	6	68	10
16	218	16	179	22
17-E	5	0	5	1
17-W	12	3	4	1
18-E	30	3	21	3
18-W	23	7	24	9
19	49	4	7	0
20	69	6	162	17
Statewide Totals	**4,481**	**11**	**3,012**	**13**

TABLE 13 CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY & PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY

Circuit And County	Cases Pending Start	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Pending At End		Age of All Pending				Change In Cases Pending
				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 – 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	
FIRST CIRCUIT										
Cross County	**591**	**901**	**814**	**659**	**19**	**383**	**146**	**130**	**20**	**87**
Criminal	91	198	239	31	19	27	1	3	9	-41
Civil	192	277	217	252	0	162	49	41	16	60
Chancery	242	316	278	280	0	124	76	80	28	38
Probate	66	110	80	96	0	70	20	6	6	30
Lee County	**330**	**631**	**542**	**412**	**7**	**285**	**92**	**35**	**8**	**89**
Criminal	40	112	100	45	7	37	7	1	2	12
Civil	110	187	155	142	0	89	33	20	14	32
Chancery	156	253	241	168	0	115	42	11	6	12
Probate	24	79	46	57	0	44	10	3	5	33
Monroe County	**464**	**532**	**591**	**350**	**55**	**242**	**76**	**32**	**9**	**-59**
Criminal	191	130	189	77	55	59	15	3	3	-59
Civil	107	146	144	109	0	75	18	16	14	2
Chancery	128	183	204	107	0	69	30	8	7	-21
Probate	38	73	54	57	0	39	13	5	8	19
Phillips County	**1309**	**1726**	**1713**	**1306**	**16**	**935**	**274**	**97**	**7**	**13**
Criminal	520	497	540	461	16	333	102	26	5	-43
Civil	291	421	420	292	0	217	48	27	9	1
Chancery	361	568	616	313	0	224	61	28	8	-48
Probate	137	240	137	240	0	161	63	16	6	103
St. Francis County	**909**	**1596**	**1360**	**1029**	**116**	**744**	**214**	**71**	**7**	**236**
Criminal	186	367	322	115	116	104	11	0	0	45
Civil	306	403	359	350	0	225	76	49	14	44
Chancery	359	663	613	409	0	303	87	19	4	50
Probate	58	163	66	155	0	112	40	3	1	97
Woodruff County	**472**	**482**	**606**	**326**	**22**	**242**	**55**	**29**	**9**	**-124**
Criminal	178	139	230	65	22	58	6	1	1	-91
Civil	98	143	125	116	0	87	20	9	7	18
Chancery	165	145	227	83	0	58	17	8	9	-82
Probate	31	55	24	62	0	39	12	11	17	31
First Circuit Total	**4075**	**5868**	**5626**	**4082**	**235**	**2831**	**857**	**394**	**10**	**242**
Criminal	1206	1443	1620	794	235	618	142	34	4	-177
Civil	1104	1577	1420	1261	0	855	244	162	12	157
Chancery	1411	2128	2179	1360	0	893	313	154	11	-51
Probate	354	720	407	667	0	465	158	44	6	313
SECOND CIRCUIT										
Clay County	**375**	**670**	**748**	**291**	**6**	**224**	**51**	**16**	**5**	**-78**
Criminal	54	218	249	17	6	14	2	1	5	-31
Civil	92	134	137	89	0	70	13	6	6	-3
Chancery	195	243	323	115	0	90	19	6	5	-80
Probate	34	75	39	70	0	50	17	3	4	36
Craighead County	**1895**	**2427**	**2245**	**2051**	**26**	**1171**	**399**	**481**	**23**	**182**
Criminal	359	469	542	260	26	171	56	33	12	-73
Civil	429	783	635	577	0	432	110	35	6	148
Chancery	860	915	875	900	0	394	153	353	39	40
Probate	247	260	193	314	0	174	80	60	19	67
Crittenden County	**1206**	**2133**	**1722**	**1488**	**129**	**1033**	**286**	**169**	**11**	**411**
Criminal	420	631	400	522	129	372	101	49	9	231
Civil	256	602	550	308	0	258	40	10	3	52
Chancery	429	706	648	487	0	295	100	92	18	58
Probate	101	194	124	171	0	108	45	18	10	70

TABLE 13 — Continued

Circuit And County	Cases Pending Start	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Pending At End		Age of All Pending				Change In Cases Pending
				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 – 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs	
Greene County	**518**	**1020**	**889**	**624**	**25**	**441**	**92**	**91**	**14**	**131**
Criminal	129	239	236	107	25	92	4	11	10	3
Civil	105	194	154	145	0	111	26	8	5	40
Chancery	239	465	427	277	0	157	49	71	25	38
Probate	45	122	72	95	0	81	13	1	1	50
Mississippi County	**1136**	**2624**	**2371**	**1321**	**68**	**1089**	**182**	**50**	**4**	**253**
Criminal	319	763	662	352	68	316	33	3	0	101
Civil	223	495	432	286	0	236	40	10	3	63
Chancery	483	1078	1127	434	0	361	62	11	2	-49
Probate	111	288	150	249	0	176	47	26	10	138
Poinsett County	**755**	**1116**	**1110**	**751**	**10**	**520**	**176**	**55**	**7**	**6**
Criminal	292	346	407	221	10	138	71	12	5	-61
Civil	154	283	251	186	0	144	23	19	10	32
Chancery	268	381	391	258	0	170	68	20	7	-10
Probate	41	106	61	86	0	68	14	4	4	45
Second Circuit Total	**5885**	**9990**	**9085**	**6526**	**264**	**4478**	**1186**	**862**	**13**	**905**
Criminal	1573	2666	2496	1479	264	1103	267	109	7	170
Civil	1259	2491	2159	1591	0	1251	252	88	5	332
Chancery	2474	3788	3791	2471	0	1467	451	553	22	-3
Probate	579	1045	639	985	0	657	216	112	11	406
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Jackson County	**1024**	**937**	**1047**	**866**	**48**	**546**	**216**	**104**	**12**	**-110**
Criminal	440	293	393	292	48	192	78	22	7	-100
Civil	341	277	335	283	0	159	69	55	19	-58
Chancery	188	271	268	191	0	133	41	17	8	3
Probate	55	96	51	100	0	62	28	10	10	45
Lawrence County	**584**	**816**	**666**	**631**	**103**	**421**	**170**	**40**	**6**	**150**
Criminal	199	212	182	126	103	80	37	9	7	30
Civil	185	265	189	261	0	174	67	20	7	76
Chancery	147	259	257	149	0	108	37	4	2	2
Probate	53	80	38	95	0	59	29	7	7	42
Randolph County	**558**	**565**	**533**	**533**	**57**	**293**	**178**	**62**	**12**	**32**
Criminal	203	101	142	105	57	39	55	11	10	-41
Civil	152	158	117	193	0	100	59	34	17	41
Chancery	158	240	249	149	0	101	42	6	4	-9
Probate	45	66	25	86	0	53	22	11	12	41
Sharp County	**468**	**535**	**559**	**434**	**10**	**301**	**97**	**36**	**8**	**-24**
Criminal	102	72	96	68	10	39	20	9	13	-24
Civil	167	163	196	134	0	94	31	9	6	-33
Chancery	159	208	223	144	0	104	32	8	5	-15
Probate	40	92	44	88	0	64	14	10	11	48
Third Circuit Total	**2634**	**2853**	**2805**	**2464**	**218**	**1561**	**661**	**242**	**10**	**48**
Criminal	944	678	813	591	218	350	190	51	8	-135
Civil	845	863	837	871	0	527	226	118	13	26
Chancery	652	978	997	633	0	446	152	35	5	-19
Probate	193	334	158	369	0	238	93	38	10	176
FOURTH CIRCUIT										
Madison County	**193**	**406**	**346**	**177**	**76**	**125**	**29**	**23**	**13**	**60**
Criminal	66	91	39	42	76	10	14	18	42	52
Civil	61	84	92	53	0	36	14	3	5	-8
Chancery	55	188	197	46	0	44	0	2	4	-9
Probate	11	43	18	36	0	35	1	0	0	25

TABLE 13 — Continued

Circuit And County	Cases Pending Start	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Pending At End		Age of All Pending				Change In Cases Pending
				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 — 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	
Washington County	**3339**	**5298**	**4731**	**2551**	**1355**	**2001**	**372**	**178**	**7**	**567**
Criminal	2128	1638	1485	926	1355	580	220	126	13	153
Civil	591	1366	1160	797	0	692	67	38	4	206
Chancery	443	1925	1851	517	0	506	11	0	0	74
Probate	177	369	235	311	0	223	74	14	4	134
Fourth Circuit Total	**3532**	**5704**	**5077**	**2728**	**1431**	**2126**	**401**	**201**	**7**	**627**
Criminal	2194	1729	1524	968	1431	590	234	144	14	205
Civil	652	1450	1252	850	0	728	81	41	4	198
Chancery	498	2113	2048	563	0	550	11	2	0	65
Probate	188	412	253	347	0	258	75	14	4	159
FIFTH CIRCUIT										
Franklin County	**535**	**724**	**644**	**561**	**54**	**346**	**86**	**129**	**23**	**80**
Criminal	201	304	292	159	54	144	11	4	2	12
Civil	69	153	156	66	0	58	5	3	4	-3
Chancery	232	210	179	263	0	96	51	116	44	31
Probate	33	57	17	73	0	48	19	6	8	40
Johnson County	**421**	**704**	**597**	**488**	**40**	**326**	**82**	**80**	**16**	**107**
Criminal	108	187	170	85	40	83	0	2	2	17
Civil	72	154	144	82	0	72	6	4	4	10
Chancery	197	272	224	245	0	119	58	68	27	48
Probate	44	91	59	76	0	52	18	6	7	32
Pope County	**1260**	**2336**	**2227**	**1239**	**130**	**973**	**193**	**73**	**6**	**109**
Criminal	443	1014	980	347	130	327	20	0	0	34
Civil	289	483	534	238	0	205	22	11	4	-51
Chancery	424	649	631	442	0	300	107	35	7	18
Probate	104	190	82	212	0	141	44	27	12	108
Fifth Circuit Total	**2216**	**3764**	**3468**	**2288**	**224**	**1645**	**361**	**282**	**12**	**296**
Criminal	752	1505	1442	591	224	554	31	6	1	63
Civil	430	790	834	386	0	335	33	18	4	-44
Chancery	853	1131	1034	950	0	515	216	219	23	97
Probate	181	338	158	361	0	241	81	39	10	180
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Perry County	**351**	**344**	**270**	**406**	**19**	**182**	**86**	**138**	**34**	**74**
Criminal	55	65	58	43	19	32	10	1	2	7
Civil	112	99	77	134	0	58	27	49	36	22
Chancery	143	128	108	163	0	55	31	77	47	20
Probate	41	52	27	66	0	37	18	11	16	25
Pulaski County	**11,519**	**25,728**	**23,725**	**13,145**	**377**	**10,329**	**1859**	**957**	**7**	**2003**
Criminal	2817	7127	6696	2871	377	2638	150	83	2	431
Civil	3779	9501	8327	4953	0	3708	600	654	13	1174
Chancery	3954	7196	7667	3483	0	2747	602	134	3	-471
Probate	969	1904	1035	1838	0	1236	507	95	5	869
Sixth Circuit Total	**11,870**	**26,072**	**23,995**	**13,551**	**396**	**10,511**	**1945**	**1095**	**8**	**2077**
Criminal	2872	7192	6754	2914	396	2670	160	84	2	438
Civil	3891	9600	8404	5087	0	3766	627	694	13	1196
Chancery	4097	7324	7775	3646	0	2802	633	211	5	-451
Probate	1010	1956	1062	1904	0	1273	525	106	5	894
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Grant County	**447**	**527**	**440**	**531**	**3**	**259**	**112**	**160**	**30**	**87**
Criminal	85	98	68	112	3	53	42	17	15	30
Civil	130	169	150	149	0	80	34	35	23	19
Chancery	201	207	193	215	0	89	29	97	45	14
Probate	31	53	29	55	0	37	7	11	20	24

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				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 – 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	
Hot Spring County	**1313**	**1192**	**1166**	**1335**	**4**	**644**	**257**	**434**	**32**	**26**
Criminal	370	241	348	259	4	179	70	10	3	-107
Civil	358	389	320	427	0	186	75	166	38	69
Chancery	403	454	393	464	0	191	57	216	46	61
Probate	182	108	105	185	0	88	55	42	22	3
Saline County	**2449**	**2673**	**2435**	**2424**	**263**	**1162**	**472**	**790**	**32**	**238**
Criminal	787	673	847	350	263	226	112	12	3	-174
Civil	752	682	507	927	0	348	150	429	46	175
Chancery	735	1074	929	880	0	431	144	305	34	145
Probate	175	244	152	267	0	157	66	44	16	92
Seventh Circuit Total	**4209**	**4392**	**4041**	**4290**	**270**	**2065**	**841**	**1384**	**32**	**351**
Criminal	1242	1012	1263	721	270	458	224	39	5	-251
Civil	1240	1240	977	1503	0	614	259	630	41	263
Chancery	1339	1735	1515	1559	0	711	230	618	39	220
Probate	388	405	286	507	0	282	128	97	19	119
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Hempstead County	**579**	**1010**	**865**	**600**	**124**	**472**	**93**	**35**	**6**	**145**
Criminal	223	278	234	143	124	124	16	3	2	44
Civil	147	269	233	183	0	127	33	23	12	36
Chancery	172	360	359	173	0	142	23	8	4	1
Probate	37	103	39	101	0	79	21	1	0	64
Lafayette County	**173**	**453**	**415**	**205**	**6**	**165**	**30**	**10**	**5**	**38**
Criminal	40	83	89	28	6	23	5	0	0	-6
Civil	36	115	104	47	0	38	6	3	6	11
Chancery	63	197	193	67	0	63	2	2	2	4
Probate	34	58	29	63	0	41	17	5	7	29
Miller County	**1224**	**1842**	**1506**	**1377**	**183**	**1016**	**236**	**125**	**9**	**336**
Criminal	439	553	438	371	183	318	40	13	3	115
Civil	278	348	280	346	0	216	65	65	18	68
Chancery	354	716	695	375	0	308	51	16	4	21
Probate	153	225	93	285	0	174	80	31	10	132
Nevada County	**213**	**446**	**421**	**230**	**8**	**177**	**43**	**10**	**4**	**25**
Criminal	54	99	109	36	8	30	5	1	2	-10
Civil	47	122	112	57	0	39	10	8	14	10
Chancery	77	161	166	72	0	62	9	1	1	-5
Probate	35	64	34	65	0	46	19	0	0	30
EIGHTH CIRCUIT TOTAL	**2189**	**3751**	**3207**	**2412**	**321**	**1830**	**402**	**180**	**7**	**544**
Criminal	756	1013	870	578	321	495	66	17	2	143
Civil	508	854	729	633	0	420	114	99	15	125
Chancery	666	1434	1413	687	0	575	85	27	3	21
Probate	259	450	195	514	0	340	137	37	7	255
NINTH CIRCUIT EAST										
Clark County	**574**	**1014**	**835**	**652**	**101**	**445**	**134**	**73**	**11**	**179**
Criminal	145	242	154	132	101	109	23	0	0	88
Civil	169	365	345	189	0	139	44	6	3	20
Chancery	200	319	299	220	0	125	48	47	21	20
Probate	60	88	37	111	0	72	19	20	18	51
Pike County	**235**	**387**	**389**	**212**	**21**	**164**	**39**	**9**	**4**	**-2**
Criminal	35	83	65	32	21	32	0	0	0	18
Civil	47	125	117	55	0	47	7	1	1	8
Chancery	131	135	175	91	0	66	19	6	6	-40
Probate	22	44	32	34	0	19	13	2	5	12

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9-E Circuit Total	**809**	**1401**	**1224**	**864**	**122**	**609**	**173**	**82**	**9**	**177**
Criminal	180	325	219	164	122	141	23	0	0	106
Civil	216	490	462	244	0	186	51	7	2	28
Chancery	331	454	474	311	0	191	67	53	17	-20
Probate	82	132	69	145	0	91	32	22	15	63
NINTH CIRCUIT WEST										
Howard County	**328**	**503**	**550**	**274**	**7**	**196**	**47**	**31**	**11**	**-47**
Criminal	53	84	94	36	7	31	5	0	0	-10
Civil	137	172	192	117	0	74	22	21	17	-20
Chancery	118	199	239	78	0	61	9	8	10	-40
Probate	20	48	25	43	0	30	11	2	4	23
Little River County	**345**	**471**	**511**	**305**	**0**	**204**	**67**	**34**	**11**	**-40**
Criminal	44	41	55	30	0	14	13	3	10	-14
Civil	120	117	130	107	0	63	23	21	19	-13
Chancery	121	254	279	96	0	77	14	5	5	-25
Probate	60	59	47	72	0	50	17	5	6	12
Sevier County	**291**	**504**	**485**	**309**	**1**	**228**	**57**	**24**	**8**	**19**
Criminal	39	69	80	27	1	25	2	0	0	-11
Civil	99	110	113	96	0	58	27	11	11	-3
Chancery	129	270	262	137	0	106	19	12	8	8
Probate	24	55	30	49	0	39	9	1	2	25
9-W Circuit Total	**964**	**1478**	**1546**	**888**	**8**	**628**	**171**	**89**	**10**	**-68**
Criminal	136	194	229	93	8	70	20	3	3	-35
Civil	356	399	435	320	0	195	72	53	16	-36
Chancery	368	723	780	311	0	244	42	25	8	-57
Probate	104	162	102	164	0	119	37	8	4	60
TENTH CIRCUIT										
Ashley County	**1127**	**1024**	**904**	**1189**	**58**	**556**	**232**	**401**	**34**	**120**
Criminal	246	252	200	240	58	148	58	34	14	52
Civil	394	269	258	405	0	171	61	173	42	11
Chancery	429	404	374	459	0	196	88	175	38	30
Probate	58	99	72	85	0	41	25	19	22	27
Bradley County	**369**	**450**	**352**	**423**	**44**	**211**	**83**	**129**	**30**	**98**
Criminal	143	102	43	158	44	72	41	45	28	59
Civil	132	151	147	136	0	61	16	59	43	4
Chancery	73	156	143	86	0	54	13	19	22	13
Probate	21	41	19	43	0	24	13	6	13	22
Chicot County	**824**	**829**	**596**	**954**	**103**	**455**	**167**	**332**	**35**	**233**
Criminal	272	292	177	284	103	185	51	48	16	115
Civil	247	221	160	308	0	118	59	131	42	61
Chancery	260	233	205	288	0	104	39	145	50	28
Probate	45	83	54	74	0	48	18	8	10	29
Desha County	**880**	**686**	**719**	**751**	**96**	**352**	**115**	**284**	**38**	**-33**
Criminal	288	179	204	167	96	110	36	21	12	-25
Civil	254	191	196	249	0	91	31	127	51	-5
Chancery	283	245	262	266	0	113	33	120	45	-17
Probate	55	71	57	69	0	38	15	16	23	14
Drew County	**517**	**777**	**665**	**564**	**65**	**359**	**112**	**93**	**16**	**112**
Criminal	180	297	220	192	65	154	28	10	5	77
Civil	170	155	157	168	0	70	40	58	34	-2
Chancery	114	237	236	115	0	77	22	16	13	1
Probate	53	88	52	89	0	58	22	9	10	36

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Tenth Circuit Total	**3717**	**3766**	**3236**	**3881**	**366**	**1933**	**709**	**1239**	**32**	**530**
Criminal	1129	1122	844	1041	366	669	214	158	15	278
Civil	1197	987	918	1266	0	511	207	548	43	69
Chancery	1159	1275	1220	1214	0	544	195	475	39	55
Probate	232	382	254	360	0	209	93	58	16	128
11 CIRCUIT EAST										
Arkansas County	**733**	**1203**	**1127**	**746**	**63**	**532**	**143**	**71**	**10**	**76**
Criminal	192	273	266	136	63	99	36	1	0	7
Civil	203	371	352	222	0	168	28	26	11	19
Chancery	242	406	439	209	0	157	38	14	6	-33
Probate	96	153	70	179	0	108	41	30	16	83
11-E Circuit Total	**733**	**1203**	**1127**	**746**	**63**	**532**	**143**	**71**	**10**	**76**
Criminal	192	273	266	136	63	99	36	1	0	7
Civil	203	371	352	222	0	168	28	26	11	19
Chancery	242	406	439	209	0	157	38	14	6	-33
Probate	96	153	70	179	0	108	41	30	16	83
11 CIRCUIT WEST										
Jefferson County	**2673**	**6566**	**6122**	**2818**	**299**	**2469**	**266**	**83**	**3**	**444**
Criminal	1136	3035	2686	1186	299	1138	42	6	0	349
Civil	934	1314	1391	857	0	635	149	73	8	-77
Chancery	484	1733	1707	510	0	486	21	3	0	26
Probate	119	484	338	265	0	210	54	1	0	146
Lincoln County	**285**	**456**	**470**	**262**	**9**	**182**	**46**	**34**	**13**	**-14**
Criminal	70	137	129	69	9	65	4	0	0	8
Civil	113	98	119	92	0	41	30	21	22	-21
Chancery	79	182	191	70	0	57	8	5	7	-9
Probate	23	39	31	31	0	19	4	8	25	8
11-W Circuit Total	**2958**	**7022**	**6592**	**3080**	**308**	**2651**	**312**	**117**	**4**	**430**
Criminal	1206	3172	2815	1255	308	1203	46	6	0	357
Civil	1047	1412	1510	949	0	676	179	94	9	-98
Chancery	563	1915	1898	580	0	543	29	8	1	17
Probate	142	523	369	296	0	229	58	9	3	154
TWELFTH CIRCUIT										
Crawford County	**1124**	**1942**	**1502**	**1351**	**213**	**946**	**271**	**134**	**10**	**440**
Criminal	535	601	321	602	213	361	179	62	10	280
Civil	262	462	376	348	0	228	53	67	19	86
Chancery	259	740	712	287	0	273	11	3	1	28
Probate	68	139	93	114	0	84	28	2	1	46
Sebastian County	**3959**	**6729**	**5805**	**4652**	**231**	**3478**	**713**	**461**	**10**	**924**
Criminal	1798	2789	2525	1831	231	1524	277	30	1	264
Civil	1120	1679	1375	1424	0	824	218	382	26	304
Chancery	812	1826	1666	972	0	839	115	18	1	160
Probate	229	435	239	425	0	291	103	31	7	196
Twelfth Circuit Total	**5083**	**8671**	**7307**	**6003**	**444**	**4424**	**984**	**595**	**10**	**1364**
Criminal	2333	3390	2846	2433	444	1885	456	92	3	544
Civil	1382	2141	1751	1772	0	1052	271	449	25	390
Chancery	1071	2566	2378	1259	0	1112	126	21	1	188
Probate	297	574	332	539	0	375	131	33	6	242
13th CIRCUIT										
Calhoun County	**191**	**283**	**225**	**212**	**37**	**130**	**45**	**37**	**17**	**58**
Criminal	22	63	38	10	37	9	1	0	0	25
Civil	64	102	74	92	0	54	17	21	22	28
Chancery	67	88	85	70	0	47	16	7	10	3
Probate	38	30	28	40	0	20	11	9	22	2

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Cleveland County	**97**	**161**	**172**	**86**	**0**	**61**	**18**	**7**	**8**	**-11**
Criminal	3	24	25	2	0	2	0	0	0	-1
Civil	40	55	56	39	0	31	3	5	12	-1
Chancery	43	58	70	31	0	19	11	1	3	-12
Probate	11	24	21	14	0	9	4	1	7	3
Columbia County	**571**	**1005**	**923**	**626**	**27**	**413**	**121**	**92**	**15**	**82**
Criminal	144	220	286	51	27	50	1	0	0	-66
Civil	159	236	215	180	0	110	45	25	13	21
Chancery	169	411	347	233	0	171	36	26	11	64
Probate	99	138	75	162	0	82	39	41	25	63
Dallas County	**258**	**471**	**414**	**310**	**5**	**224**	**57**	**29**	**9**	**57**
Criminal	25	89	76	33	5	33	0	0	0	13
Civil	76	164	136	104	0	73	22	9	8	28
Chancery	112	162	163	111	0	86	19	6	5	-1
Probate	45	56	39	62	0	32	16	14	22	17
Ouachita County	**763**	**1557**	**1382**	**906**	**32**	**618**	**191**	**97**	**11**	**175**
Criminal	64	415	324	123	32	123	0	0	0	91
Civil	301	407	390	318	0	174	81	63	19	17
Chancery	321	553	565	309	0	225	74	10	3	-12
Probate	77	182	103	156	0	96	36	24	15	79
Union County	**1777**	**2880**	**2227**	**2326**	**104**	**1704**	**440**	**182**	**8**	**653**
Criminal	527	1166	702	887	104	806	73	8	0	464
Civil	479	741	622	598	0	397	118	83	13	119
Chancery	491	712	787	416	0	291	91	34	8	-75
Probate	280	261	116	425	0	210	158	57	13	145
13th Circuit Total	**3657**	**6357**	**5343**	**4466**	**205**	**3150**	**872**	**444**	**10**	**1014**
Criminal	785	1977	1451	1106	205	1023	75	8	0	526
Civil	1119	1705	1493	1331	0	839	286	206	15	212
Chancery	1203	1984	2017	1170	0	839	247	84	7	-33
Probate	550	691	382	859	0	449	264	146	16	309
14th CIRCUIT										
Baxter County	**655**	**1095**	**1125**	**613**	**12**	**470**	**108**	**35**	**6**	**-30**
Criminal	169	240	303	94	12	73	19	2	2	-63
Civil	153	219	238	134	0	106	24	4	2	-19
Chancery	253	446	473	226	0	181	34	11	4	-27
Probate	80	190	111	159	0	110	31	18	11	79
Boone County	**486**	**1149**	**1056**	**578**	**1**	**479**	**70**	**29**	**5**	**93**
Criminal	145	307	309	142	1	123	18	1	0	-2
Civil	107	265	214	158	0	133	20	5	3	51
Chancery	179	462	437	204	0	170	17	17	8	25
Probate	55	115	96	74	0	53	15	6	8	19
Marion County	**265**	**610**	**572**	**298**	**5**	**210**	**61**	**27**	**9**	**38**
Criminal	45	251	242	49	5	36	5	8	16	9
Civil	45	111	95	61	0	47	9	5	8	16
Chancery	129	185	211	103	0	83	12	8	7	-26
Probate	46	63	24	85	0	44	35	6	7	39
Newton County	**163**	**234**	**207**	**189**	**1**	**142**	**33**	**14**	**7**	**27**
Criminal	71	67	82	55	1	46	9	0	0	-15
Civil	13	59	16	56	0	49	4	3	5	43
Chancery	62	84	90	56	0	38	11	7	12	-6
Probate	17	24	19	22	0	9	9	4	18	5

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14th Circuit Total	**1569**	**3088**	**2960**	**1678**	**19**	**1301**	**272**	**105**	**6**	**128**
Criminal	430	865	936	340	19	278	51	11	3	-71
Civil	318	654	563	409	0	335	57	17	4	91
Chancery	623	1177	1211	589	0	472	74	43	7	-34
Probate	198	392	250	340	0	216	90	34	10	142
15th CIRCUIT										
Conway County	**575**	**841**	**747**	**666**	**3**	**466**	**142**	**58**	**9**	**94**
Criminal	77	150	133	91	3	83	5	3	3	17
Civil	192	264	228	228	0	162	53	13	5	36
Chancery	212	321	335	198	0	135	41	22	11	-14
Probate	94	106	51	149	0	86	43	20	13	55
Logan County	**572**	**1054**	**975**	**633**	**18**	**473**	**113**	**47**	**7**	**79**
Criminal	137	291	299	111	18	111	0	0	0	-8
Civil	119	220	203	136	0	114	17	5	3	17
Chancery	229	410	399	240	0	158	51	31	12	11
Probate	87	133	74	146	0	90	45	11	7	59
Scott County	**173**	**375**	**299**	**240**	**9**	**189**	**39**	**12**	**5**	**76**
Criminal	47	104	57	85	9	72	13	0	0	47
Civil	42	54	55	41	0	32	6	3	7	-1
Chancery	75	167	164	78	0	55	16	7	8	3
Probate	9	50	23	36	0	30	4	2	5	27
Yell County	**527**	**801**	**729**	**566**	**33**	**413**	**86**	**67**	**12**	**72**
Criminal	153	162	138	144	33	104	6	34	23	24
Civil	104	219	169	154	0	135	15	4	2	50
Chancery	167	353	380	140	0	116	16	8	5	-27
Probate	103	67	42	128	0	58	49	21	16	25
15th Circuit Total	**1847**	**3071**	**2750**	**2105**	**63**	**1541**	**380**	**184**	**9**	**321**
Criminal	414	707	627	431	63	370	24	37	8	80
Civil	457	757	655	559	0	443	91	25	4	102
Chancery	683	1251	1278	656	0	464	124	68	10	-27
Probate	293	356	190	459	0	264	141	54	11	166
16th CIRCUIT										
Cleburne County	**591**	**809**	**766**	**508**	**126**	**332**	**83**	**93**	**18**	**43**
Criminal	175	264	238	75	126	75	0	0	0	26
Civil	106	225	195	136	0	99	16	21	15	30
Chancery	241	254	293	202	0	110	45	47	23	-39
Probate	69	66	40	95	0	48	22	25	26	26
Fulton County	**184**	**241**	**263**	**162**	**0**	**119**	**31**	**12**	**7**	**-22**
Criminal	44	37	38	43	0	28	12	3	6	-1
Civil	45	62	60	47	0	35	7	5	10	2
Chancery	75	106	131	50	0	36	10	4	8	-25
Probate	20	36	34	22	0	20	2	0	0	2
Independence County	**1180**	**1526**	**1572**	**1023**	**111**	**662**	**210**	**151**	**15**	**-46**
Criminal	317	469	413	262	111	164	54	44	16	56
Civil	350	463	404	409	0	257	71	81	19	59
Chancery	431	465	667	229	0	168	54	7	3	-202
Probate	82	129	88	123	0	73	31	19	15	41
Izard County	**306**	**374**	**215**	**458**	**7**	**253**	**97**	**108**	**24**	**159**
Criminal	86	73	51	101	7	55	30	16	15	22
Civil	76	112	63	125	0	76	18	31	24	49
Chancery	100	131	83	148	0	75	26	47	31	48
Probate	44	58	18	84	0	47	23	14	16	40

TABLE 13 — Continued

Circuit And County	Cases Pending Start	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Pending At End		Age of All Pending				Change In Cases Pending
				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 — 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	
Stone County	**342**	**342**	**258**	**351**	**75**	**164**	**77**	**110**	**31**	**84**
Criminal	122	107	95	59	75	37	13	9	15	12
Civil	52	58	50	60	0	32	20	8	13	8
Chancery	129	126	90	165	0	63	28	74	44	36
Probate	39	51	23	67	0	32	16	19	28	28
16th Circuit Total	**2603**	**3292**	**3074**	**2502**	**319**	**1530**	**498**	**474**	**19**	**218**
Criminal	744	950	835	540	319	359	109	72	13	115
Civil	629	920	772	777	0	499	132	146	18	148
Chancery	976	1082	1264	794	0	452	163	179	22	-182
Probate	254	340	203	391	0	220	94	77	19	137
17th CIRCUIT EAST										
Prairie County	**180**	**467**	**447**	**200**	**0**	**174**	**23**	**3**	**2**	**20**
Criminal	40	129	130	39	0	37	2	0	0	-1
Civil	50	138	118	70	0	59	10	1	1	20
Chancery	58	156	152	62	0	56	5	1	1	4
Probate	32	44	47	29	0	22	6	1	3	-3
White County	**622**	**2191**	**1962**	**851**	**0**	**763**	**54**	**34**	**4**	**229**
Criminal	97	486	379	204	0	203	1	0	0	107
Civil	192	571	552	211	0	190	17	4	1	19
Chancery	243	937	918	262	0	255	3	4	1	19
Probate	90	197	113	174	0	115	33	26	14	84
17-E Circuit Total	**802**	**2658**	**2409**	**1051**	**0**	**937**	**77**	**37**	**4**	**249**
Criminal	137	615	509	243	0	240	3	0	0	106
Civil	242	709	670	281	0	249	27	5	1	39
Chancery	301	1093	1070	324	0	311	8	5	1	23
Probate	122	241	160	203	0	137	39	27	13	81
17th CIRCUIT WEST										
Lonoke County	**870**	**1483**	**1464**	**887**	**2**	**676**	**143**	**68**	**8**	**19**
Criminal	296	298	495	97	2	88	9	0	0	-197
Civil	212	463	390	285	0	231	42	12	4	73
Chancery	201	554	507	248	0	224	20	4	1	47
Probate	161	168	72	257	0	133	72	52	20	96
17-W Circuit Total	**870**	**1483**	**1464**	**887**	**2**	**676**	**143**	**68**	**8**	**19**
Criminal	296	298	495	97	2	88	9	0	0	-197
Civil	212	463	390	285	0	231	42	12	4	73
Chancery	201	554	507	248	0	224	20	4	1	47
Probate	161	168	72	257	0	133	72	52	20	96
18th CIRCUIT EAST										
Garland County	**1896**	**4170**	**4054**	**1977**	**35**	**1542**	**282**	**153**	**8**	**116**
Criminal	212	563	556	184	35	171	11	2	1	7
Civil	625	1467	1398	694	0	557	109	28	4	69
Chancery	549	1618	1570	597	0	522	54	21	3	48
Probate	510	522	530	502	0	292	108	102	20	-8
18-E Circuit Total	**1896**	**4170**	**4054**	**1977**	**35**	**1542**	**282**	**153**	**8**	**116**
Criminal	212	563	556	184	35	171	11	2	1	7
Civil	625	1467	1398	694	0	557	109	28	4	69
Chancery	549	1618	1570	597	0	522	54	21	3	48
Probate	510	522	530	502	0	292	108	102	20	-8
18th CIRCUIT WEST										
Montgomery County	**192**	**334**	**329**	**182**	**15**	**145**	**29**	**8**	**4**	**5**
Criminal	65	100	112	38	15	35	3	0	0	-12
Civil	49	72	75	46	0	37	6	3	6	-3
Chancery	69	129	133	65	0	48	12	5	7	-4
Probate	9	33	9	33	0	25	8	0	0	24

TABLE 13 — Continued

Circuit And County	Cases Pending Start	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Pending At End		Age of All Pending				Change In Cases Pending
				Cases Active	B/W Outstanding	Less 1 Yr.	1 – 2 Years	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	
Polk County	**464**	**748**	**746**	**455**	**11**	**338**	**76**	**41**	**9**	**2**
Criminal	86	141	112	104	11	83	17	4	3	29
Civil	107	162	162	107	0	74	17	16	14	0
Chancery	255	359	431	183	0	129	35	19	10	-72
Probate	16	86	41	61	0	52	7	2	3	45
18-W Circuit Total	**656**	**1082**	**1075**	**637**	**26**	**483**	**105**	**49**	**8**	**7**
Criminal	151	241	224	142	26	118	20	4	2	17
Civil	156	234	237	153	0	111	23	19	12	-3
Chancery	324	488	564	248	0	177	47	24	9	-76
Probate	25	119	50	94	0	77	15	2	2	69
19th CIRCUIT										
Benton County	**1629**	**3751**	**3193**	**2057**	**130**	**1677**	**329**	**51**	**2**	**558**
Criminal	380	712	710	252	130	210	30	12	4	2
Civil	528	942	856	614	0	484	104	26	4	86
Chancery	545	1730	1537	738	0	661	74	3	0	193
Probate	176	367	90	453	0	322	121	10	2	277
Carroll County	**387**	**740**	**658**	**435**	**34**	**304**	**112**	**19**	**4**	**82**
Criminal	83	177	157	69	34	59	10	0	0	20
Civil	135	141	149	127	0	78	38	11	8	-8
Chancery	120	356	329	147	0	119	24	4	2	27
Probate	49	66	23	92	0	48	40	4	4	43
19th Circuit Total	**2016**	**4491**	**3851**	**2492**	**164**	**1981**	**441**	**70**	**3**	**640**
Criminal	463	889	867	321	164	269	40	12	3	22
Civil	663	1083	1005	741	0	562	142	37	4	78
Chancery	665	2086	1866	885	0	780	98	7	0	220
Probate	225	433	113	545	0	370	161	14	2	320
20th CIRCUIT										
Faulkner County	**1335**	**2326**	**1917**	**1738**	**6**	**1176**	**374**	**188**	**11**	**409**
Criminal	216	430	470	170	6	153	11	6	3	-40
Civil	448	816	618	646	0	474	146	26	4	198
Chancery	521	865	747	639	0	383	151	105	16	118
Probate	150	215	82	283	0	166	66	51	18	133
Searcy County	**249**	**219**	**200**	**249**	**19**	**124**	**69**	**56**	**22**	**19**
Criminal	70	52	46	57	19	32	10	15	26	6
Civil	37	50	35	52	0	34	9	9	17	15
Chancery	95	97	111	81	0	41	27	13	16	-14
Probate	47	20	8	59	0	17	23	19	32	12
Van Buren County	**402**	**594**	**510**	**482**	**4**	**307**	**110**	**65**	**13**	**84**
Criminal	62	175	149	84	4	80	4	0	0	26
Civil	115	114	124	105	0	64	28	13	12	-10
Chancery	173	244	206	211	0	120	47	44	20	38
Probate	52	61	31	82	0	43	31	8	9	30
20th Circuit Total	**1986**	**3139**	**2627**	**2469**	**29**	**1607**	**553**	**309**	**12**	**512**
Criminal	348	657	665	311	29	265	25	21	6	-8
Civil	600	980	777	803	0	572	183	48	5	203
Chancery	789	1206	1064	931	0	544	225	162	17	142
Probate	249	296	121	424	0	226	120	78	18	175
STATE TOTALS	**68,776**	**118,766**	**107,943**	**74,067**	**5532**	**52,572**	**12,769**	**8726**	**12**	**10,823**
Criminal	20,695	33,476	31,166	17,473	5532	14,086	2476	911	5	2310
Civil	19,351	33,637	30,000	22,988	0	15,682	3736	3570	15	3637
Chancery	22,038	40,509	40,352	22,195	0	15,535	3648	3012	13	157
Probate	6692	11,144	6425	11,411	0	7269	2909	1233	10	4719

* Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Trusteeship cases continue under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court over a period of years before a final order can be rendered. While they are considered active cases, it should be remebered and allowances made when using them in pending cases or age of cases studies or comparisons.

LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS

TABLE 14 - MUNICIPAL AND CITY COURT STATEWIDE STATISTICS

MUNICIPAL	Filed	Convicted	Dismissed	Appeals	Fines Assessed	Fines Collected	Costs Assessed	Costs Collected
Criminal	118,184	69,373	15,532	1,595	$4,530,532	$3,090,908	$1,717,623	$1,289,868
D.W.I.	19,487	13,149	1,071	2,544	3,713,731	1,730,632	2,968,142	1,515,773
Other Traffic	280,204	168,285	21,266	1,657	6,697,219	7,129,387	4,589,329	5,044,959
Civil	33,679	17,342-Disposed			—	—	254,171	276,108
TOTAL	**451,554**	**268,149***	**37,869***	**5,796***	**$14,941,482**	**$11,950,927**	**$9,529,265**	**$8,126,708**
Felonies	6,194	5,666-Bound Over						
CITY								
Criminal	3,932	2,430	686	55	$221,353	$167,950	$41,181	$34,220
D.W.I.	1,372	838	91	96	327,811	194,218	244,185	139,479
Other Traffic	16,593	8,727	971	66	603,165	619,355	183,921	199,419
Civil	66	48-Disposed			—	—	937	621
TOTAL	**21,963**	**12,043***	**1,748***	**217***	**$1,152,329**	**$981,523**	**$470,224**	**$373,739**
Felonies	1	1-Bound Over						
STATEWIDE TOTAL	**473,517**	**280,192***	**39,617***	**6,013***	**$16,093,811**	**$12,932,450**	**$9,999,489**	**$8,500,447**

*** Due to the variety of dispositions in limited jurisdiction courts, it is difficult to ascertain precise disposition figures.**

COUNTY COURT

TABLE 15 - Juvenile Delinquent Charges

Counts	Offense Name	Counts	Offense Name
10	Criminal Contempt	11	Obstructing Governmental Operations
39	Criminal Attempt	32	Resisting Arrest/Hindering Apprehension
0	Murder	79	Fleeing/Failure to Appear/Escape
3	Manslaughter	297	Disorderly Conduct
213	Battery	122	Harrassment/Harrassing Communications
112	Assault	156	Public Intox/Drinking in Public
46	Terroristic Threatening	60	Loitering
2	Kidnapping	9	Defacing Public Buildings/Objects
30	Rape	5	Cruelty to Animals
46	Sexual Offenses	15	Breath/Inhale Intox. Compounds
33	Arson/Arson Related	63	Firearm Offense
710	Criminal Mischief	8	Gambling Offenses
557	Burglary	13	Game and Fish
525	Breaking or Entering	367	Purchase/Poss. Intox. Liquor
264	Criminal Trespass	2	Hot Check Violation
12	Robbery	47	Traffic
2,888	Theft	25	D.W.I.
73	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	256	Violation Uniform Controlled Substance
142	Forgery	1	Littering
11	Criminal Impersonation	19	Municipal Violation
7	Contributing to Delinquency Minor	17	Unspecified Misdemeanor
1	Endangering Welfare of a Minor	1	Unspecified Felony

Statewide Total Counts 7,320 Felonies 1,917 Misdemeanors 4,910 Violations 493

The following counties reported for a partial year: Faulkner, Fulton, Ouachita and Saline

The following counties have not reported: Arkansas, Cleburne, Columbia, Crittenden and Johnson

TABLE 16 JUVENILE CASES

	Pending 7/1/84	Cases Filed	Termi-nated	Pending 6/30/85	Age of All Cases Pending: Less 1 Yr.	1 — 2 Yrs.	Over 2 Yrs.	% Over 2 Yrs.	Change In Cases Pending
Delinquent	693	5,122	5,082	733	296	329	108	14	40
*JINS	148	1,956	1,952	152	41	80	31	20	4
Neglect	377	1,228	1,162	443	150	230	63	14	66
Probation Violation	34	339	336	37	12	22	3	8	3
Parole Violation	0	13	11	2	2	0	0	0	2
State Totals	**1,252**	**8,658**	**8,543**	**1,367**	**501**	**661**	**205**	**14**	**115**

*Juveniles in need of supervision.

It should be noted that there were 5,122 individual juveniles charged with criminal offenses. This reflects a total of 7,320 charges filed against these juveniles, as shown in Table 15.

TABLE 17 BASTARDY CASES

COUNTY	FILED	TERMINATED
Arkansas	83	2
Ashley	77	44
Baxter	0	0
Benton	21	9
Boone	4	2
Bradley	31	2
Calhoun	9	2
Carroll	0	0
Chicot	127	27
Clark	38	0
Clay	0	0
Cleburne	3	2
Cleveland	9	6
Columbia	82	57
Conway	45	2
Craighead	66	0
Crawford	8	0
Crittenden	207	8
Cross	58	0
Dallas	28	18
Desha	100	0
Drew	55	32
Faulkner	25	0
Franklin	2	0
Fulton	0	0
Garland	76	63
Grant	5	0
Greene	5	0
Hempstead	46	0
Hot Spring	57	0
Howard	17	2
Independence	6	0
Izard	0	0
Jackson	43	0
Jefferson	301	5
Johnson	12	3
Lafayette	29	1
Lawrence	5	2
Lee	102	84
Lincoln	36	10
Little River	33	0
Logan	9	0
Lonoke	47	2
Madison	0	0
Marion	3	3
Miller	108	92
Mississippi	139	0
Monroe	76	56
Montgomery	2	1
Nevada	16	0
Newton	0	0
Ouachita	70	42
Perry	3	2
Phillips	344	1,009
Pike	0	0
Poinsett	23	0
Polk	8	2
Pope	35	3
Prairie	12	12
Pulaski	746	542
Randolph	6	4
Saline	35	3
Scott	5	5
Searcy	0	0
Sebastian	35	18
Sevier	15	8
Sharp	0	0
St. Francis	250	200
Stone	1	1
Union	134	115
Van Buren	9	8
Washington	30	15
White	39	27
Woodruff	64	10
Yell	8	8
Totals	**4,123**	**2,571**

TABLE 18 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY*	1980	1981	1982	FY 83-84	FY 84-85
Ashley	52	73	57	31	99
Garland	4	34	23	15	14
Lee	126	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	163	172	38	34	23
Mississippi	42	21	21	22	17
TOTALS	**387**	**300**	**139**	**102**	**153**

*The counties listed above are the only counties reporting any activity in FY 84-85.

TABLE 19 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S STATEWIDE STATISTICS

A.	JUVENILE COURT		
	Number of Defendants Represented		854
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	445	
	Misdemeanor	420	
	Number Relieved as Counsel	31	
	TOTAL	896	
B.	MUNICIPAL COURT		
	Number of Defendants Represented		4,857
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Felony	1,455	
	D.W.I.	567	
	Other Traffic	680	
	Misdemeanors	3,226	
	TOTAL	5,928	
	Disposition of Defendants:		
	Felony: Probable cause not found		725
	Reduced by Court to Misdemeanor		94
	Reduced to Misdemeanor - plead guilty		221
	Relieved as Counsel		345
	Misd.: Guilty or Nolo Pleas		2,678
	Trials		667
	Relieved as Counsel		37
	TOTAL		4,767
C.	CIRCUIT COURT		
	Number of Defendants Represented		3,939
	Number and Nature of Offenses:		
	Capital	9	
	Felony	4,624	
	Misdemeanors	597	
	TOTAL	5,230	
D.	RESPONDENTS REPRESENTED IN PROBATE COURT		
	Involuntary and Alcoholic Commitments		361
E.	Total Defendants Represented in All Courts		8,460
F.	Number of Cases Appealed to Circuit Court		166
	Number of Cases Appealed to State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals		105
G.	Rule 37 Appointments		3

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM

SUPREME COURT
1 Chief Justice, 6 Associate Justices
Jurisdiction:
— Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases involving constitutional issues, Acts, Municipal or County ordinances, rules of courts or administrative agencies, appeals from Public Service, Transportation, and Pollution Control Commission, criminal convictions of death, life imprisonment, or more than 30 years, post-conviction relief petitions, writs of quo warranto, prohibition, injunction, mandamus, or certiorari, election cases, attorney discipline, usury cases, products liability cases, questions of oil, gas or mineral rights, the law of torts, or the construction of deeds or wills, or cases in which there is a prior decision by the Supreme Court.
— Appellate jurisdiction over those appeals certified for review from the Court of Appeals.

COURT OF APPEALS
6 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Appellate jurisdiction over lower court cases except those appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT
24 Courts, 31 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Civil cases over $100.
— Original jurisdiction in felony.
— Juvenile.
— Hears appeal de novo.
Jury trials.

8 COMBINED CIRCUIT & CHANCERY JUDGES

CHANCERY & PROBATE COURTS
24 Courts, 29 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Courts of equity (land disputes, domestic relations, etc.) Hears probate matters and adoptions.
No jury trial.

MUNICIPAL COURTS
120 Courts, 102 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Contract under $300. Property recovery under $300. Property damage under $100.
— Felony preliminaries. Misdemeanors.
No jury trial.

CITY COURTS
86 Courts, 78 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Civil cases under $300.
— Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trial.

COUNTY COURTS
75 Courts, 75 Judges, 61 Juvenile Referees
Jurisdiction:
— Original jurisdiction in county taxes, county expenditures, and claims against county.
— Bastardy proceedings.
— Juvenile.
No jury trial.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS
0 Courts, 0 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Contract under $300. Property recovery under $300. Property damage under $100.
— Felony preliminaries.
— Misdemeanors.
Six-person jury trials.

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS
4 Courts, 4 Judges
Jurisdiction: Varies.
— Contracts and other civil matters under $1,000, not involving title to property.
Jury trials.

POLICE COURTS
6 Courts, 5 Judges
Jurisdiction:
— Civil cases under $300.
— Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trial.